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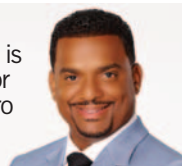
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Most Americans want long-term bases in S. Korea

Amid N. Korea nuke talks, poll shows support to keep military presence in South at highest since '02

By ADAM TAYLOR
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump may be skeptical about the value of U.S. troops in South Korea, but a new poll suggests an increasingly large majority of Americans favor a continuing military presence in the country — and most say they

would support a U.S. military intervention in case of a conflict. The polling data, collected in July by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, found that almost three quarters (74 percent) of Americans supported long-term bases in South Korea.

Notably, there was broad agreement across the political spectrum on this issue, with 73 percent of

Democrats, 71 percent of independents and 79 percent of Republicans in favor of the bases.

Though the Chicago Council's data show that there has been majority support for a U.S. military presence in South Korea since at least 2002, when it began polling the issue, this year's survey is the highest level of support it has recorded.

Americans are also more willing than they have been in decades to send U.S. troops to support South Korea if the country were to be invaded by North Korea, the Chicago Council found, with 64 percent in favor — more than double who said the same in 1986, the first time the question was asked.

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Winds from Typhoon Trami toppled more than 170 trees at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Trami was the worst typhoon to hit Okinawa in six years.

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US airmen line up to buy new uniform

BY NORMAN LLAMAS
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — The line began forming over an hour before the military clothing store opened Monday.

By the time the first customer entered, well over 100 people were behind him, eager to purchase the Air Force's new utility uniform.

The Air Force adopted the Army's Operational Camouflage Pattern, or OCP, on Monday, taking a first step toward retiring the much-maligned Airman Battle Uniform, or ABU, by April 2021.

Airmen at Aviano were the first overseas to purchase the uniform through an exchange store. Airmen at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., along with Shaw Air Force Base and Joint Base Charleston, both in South Carolina, were the first stateside to get a crack at buying the new uniform.

The airmen in line had various reasons for being there, but the most common was that they simply never liked the tiger-striped, grayish-green ABUs.

"This uniform is actually camouflaged," said Senior Airman Jeffrey Langford, assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron, 31st Fighter Wing.

The Air Force decided on the uniform change earlier this year after airmen said the OCP was more comfortable. The change also means that airmen deployed to combat zones, many of whom had to wear the OCP anyway, won't have to pack two different utility uniforms.

"Airmen have been asking for

this change for a long time," said Maj. Blake E. Johnson, operations officer for Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Europe & Africa. "Additionally, [the Air Force] wanted to align with the Army, as it makes it easier to blend in and, of course, it's easier to maintain one uniform."

Airmen who have already worn the OCP gave the change their support Monday.

"I was deployed before, and since then, I was able to keep this uniform and wear it," said Staff Sgt. Margaret Kroening, of the 31st Fighter Wing's contracting office. "It's very comfortable. It feels like I'm wearing pajamas."

Airmen were allowed to purchase only two sets of uniforms Monday because of limited supplies.

The current stock should outfit about a third of the base's assigned airmen, said Claudia Bortolotto, a retail supervisor with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

"This morning went well," Bortolotto said. "We had a system in place to deal with the influx of customers looking to buy the new uniform. We had nine workers today when we typically will only have three on any given morning shift."

More AAFES stores will receive the new uniform next spring, the Defense Logistics Agency said in a statement. The Air National Guard will issue the OCP as early as fall 2019, according to the DLA.

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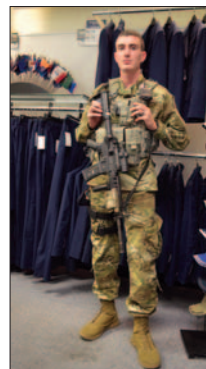


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Airmen at Aviano Air Base, Italy, wait for the exchange's military clothing shop to open Monday so they can purchase their new Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms.



Above: Airmen shop for items required for their new uniforms. Right: Airman 1st Class Brandon Shank, with the 31st Security Forces Squadron, 31st Fighter Wing, provides security.



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‘This was a significant storm resulting in 170 fallen trees and property damage across the installation.’

Lt. Col. Richard Engelman

commander of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan



PHOTOS BY ALLEN ONSTOTT/Stars and Stripes

Winds from Typhoon Trami toppled trees that fell onto vehicles at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Monday.



Far left: Trami knocked over more than 170 trees at Yokota, according to officials. **Left:** A downed tree damaged a concrete wall at the base.

Typhoon downs trees, damages vehicles in Japan

**BY JAMES BOLINGER
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Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — More than 170 trees were toppled, damaging vehicles and breaking walls at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo as Typhoon Trami brought record-setting wind to the archipelago early Monday.

The storm, which battered Japan from the southern island prefecture of Okinawa to the northern end of Honshu with wind gusts greater than 130 mph, had little effect on other U.S. bases.

Yokota Air Base and nearby

Camp Zama appeared to be the worst hit, despite the eye of the storm traveling much closer to other installations, namely Kadena Air Base on Okinawa.

Dozens of airmen fanned out across Yokota's runway Monday morning to collect debris from overnight winds that downed large trees, broke windows and blew over wooden fences and small structures in base housing areas.

Several cherry blossom trees lining a picturesque road on the base's east side were in splinters, and nearby, several damaged vehicles were trapped beneath fallen limbs.

Watch video of damage at Yokota Air Base from the typhoon:
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“This was a significant storm resulting in 170 fallen trees and property damage across the installation,” Lt. Col. Richard Engelman, commander of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron at Yokota, told Stars and Stripes in an email. “We are very thankful there were no injuries.”

Yokota weather forecaster Yoshinori Ogawa said Trami may have been the strongest storm on record at the base, with gusts of 81 mph between midnight and 4 a.m. Defense Department civil-

ian worker Brian Adams said he awoke at 1:30 a.m. to find a large pine tree on top of his Nissan Cube and another vehicle in an on-base lot. “We’d been watching it. It was swaying in the wind,” he said of the tree as he surveyed the damage from his doorstep.

Adams, who said he was at Misawa Air Base during the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, didn’t seem too stressed about the situation. He said base officials told him they might be able to remove the tree from his car later that day.

Kadena was closest to the eye of the storm. Sustained winds topped 103 mph, and gusts exceeded 132 mph. Private vehicles struck by

fallen trees limbs was the worst damage reported, said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Orella, of the base public affairs office.

Aircraft stationed at Kadena were evacuated to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, to avoid the storm, he said.

The BBC reported Monday that two people died because of Typhoon Trami, and that more than 750,000 homes had lost power across Japan.

Trami — the worst typhoon to strike Okinawa in six years — is the fifth super typhoon of the season.

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Residents near Futenma seek \$10M in noise suit

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A group of Japanese residents seeking millions in compensation over U.S. military aircraft noise pleaded their case in an Okinawa courtroom Friday.

More than 2,800 plaintiffs from Ginowan City want the Japanese government to pay \$10 million in damages for what they say is excessive noise out of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, according to a complaint filed in July in Naha District Court.

"Seventy-three years after the war, we have been facing great danger by a number of emergency landings, crashes and falling objects by aircraft as well as the noise interrupting our daily conversations and causing issues watching TVs and listening to radios," group representative Kenei Yamashiro, 79, told the court.

"Night flight from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. is supposedly restricted; however, it has been happening and causing serious health issues from sleep deprivation," he added.

An attorney for the plaintiffs, Osamu Ikeda, said the group doesn't want to stop the military flights.

"[We are] just asking for the monetary settlement because the majority of the plaintiffs are elderly," he told Stars and Stripes on Friday.

The government of Japan on Friday asked the group to withdraw the lawsuit. A second hearing is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Such lawsuits have become commonplace and resulted in large government payouts to residents who say they are unfairly subjected to daily overhead flights of U.S. military helicopters, fighter jets and cargo aircraft.

A verdict is expected next spring in a case in which 3,417 residents — who were awarded \$22.6 million over Futenma noise in 2016 — appealed to the Fukuoka High Court to halt flights at the air station.

In the largest monetary settlement over U.S. military aircraft noise in Japanese history, judges in February 2017 awarded more than \$265 million — or about \$12,000 per plaintiff — to 22,005 people living around Kadena Air Base.

In October 2017, a Japanese court awarded more than \$5.4 million to people living near Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo. Noise from aircraft operating at the base was above the "tolerable limit," obliging the Japanese government to pay compensation, the judgment said.

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MCAS Iwakuni clinic halts births after E. coli found in water sample

By JAMES BOLINGER
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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — Expectant mothers haven't been able to deliver their babies at Iwakuni's new health clinic since E. coli was found in a water sample over the summer.

A technician discovered residue on surgical equipment Aug. 15, prompting staff at the Robert M. Casey Naval Family Branch Clinic to take 21 water samples, according to U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka spokeswoman Erika Figueroa.

One sample tested positive for E. coli, while another was positive for non-E. coli bacteria, she said. No one has reported becoming ill from drinking the water.

E. coli are bacteria found in the environment, foods and the intestines of people and animals, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Although most strains are harmless, others can cause illnesses such as diarrhea, urinary tract infections, pneumonia and respiratory problems.

"Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of patient safety, we decided to immediately halt all medical and dental procedures that require steril-

ized instruments until we could determine the cause of the residue and further evaluate the water quality in the system that supplies the clinic," she said.

Tests of additional samples revealed the clinic's water had little to no chlorine, Figueroa said. Without chlorine, water systems cannot defend against cross-contamination from external or internal sources such as water pipes.

As of Monday, most of the clinic's medical and dental services had been restored, Figueroa said.

It is unknown when the clinic's labor-and-delivery services will be back up and running, she said. In the meantime, doctors are discussing options for mothers-to-be to deliver either at a nearby off-base facility in Iwakuni City or more than 500 miles away at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka.

Iwakuni's clinic — which opened May 31 after two years of construction — is the only one of its type in the Pacific that can deliver babies and provide obstetrical surgeries, Figueroa told Stars and Stripes earlier this year. It has a 24-hour maternal infant center with six labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum suites. It also has two obstetrics-related surgical suites.

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USS Reagan sailor dies swimming off Guam

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A USS Ronald Reagan sailor died while the aircraft carrier was in Guam for a port visit, said ship spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Leslie Hubbell.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Zahir Hakeem went missing Friday while swimming in the Pacific Ocean off Haputo Beach at Naval Computer and Telecommunica-

tions Station Guam, she said. Land, sea and air searches by the Navy, Coast Guard and Guam Fire Department were called off about 3:45 p.m. Saturday when Hakeem's body was discovered in the water.

"All efforts were made to locate the sailor," Hubbell said. A cause of death has not been determined, she added.

The Yokosuka-based Ronald Reagan has been in Guam since Sept. 24 after taking part in bi-

ennial Valiant Shield drills. The weeklong, U.S.-only exercise included 15,000 sailors, airmen, soldiers and Marines participating in maritime security operations, anti-submarine and air-defense drills and a sinking exercise.

The nation's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier has been on patrol of the Indo-Pacific region since leaving its homeport in August.

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The 11th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade command team places a coin into at Pfc. Adrienne Barillas' cross during a memorial ceremony at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Monday.

Soldier remembered for smile, cooking skills

By MARCUS FICHT
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Members of the 2nd Infantry Division bid farewell Monday to a young soldier known for her warm smile and superb cooking skills.

More than 100 soldiers turned out to remember and honor Pfc. Adrienne Barillas during a service at Camp Humphreys' Warrior Chapel. The 22-year-old



Barillas

from The Woodlands, Texas, was found unresponsive Sept. 23 on the sprawling base south of Seoul and later pronounced dead.

Barillas was a member of the

emergency personnel. The cause

has not been released. "The investigation remains open and ongoing, and the cause and manner of death are part of that continuing investigation," said Christopher Grey, a spokesman for the Criminal Investigation Command.

Barillas was a water purification specialist when she arrived at the 11th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade late last year. She worked in the unit's training room and served as the commander's driver. South Korea was her first assignment in the Army.

Her commander, Capt. Ciara Cooper-Thomas, recalled troops bragging about Barillas' cooking. The young soldier's skills lived up to the hype during the unit's

organizational day, she said.

"She brought a crock pot of the best queso dip I've ever had," Cooper-Thomas said.

She said the two bonded during a trip to training areas north of Humphreys.

"During our long drive on the road ... she spoke with love and passion for her family back home, about preparing her native Belizean rice dishes and finally about attending the board and receiving her promotable status," Cooper-Thomas said.

Barillas' supervisor, Staff Sgt. Thomas Yannotti, said she told him she hated the cold when she arrived in South Korea.

"Welcome to Korea," Yannotti said he jokingly replied.

He said Barillas' dedication to her job and ability to bring out the best in her fellow soldiers impressed him. He also watched her fill in love with her husband, Pfc. Emmanuel Gardner, who served in the unit until this past summer.

"I can still see her and Gardner running down the hill — her with big sunglasses on and a huge smile on her face," Yannotti said. "That was a couple I loved seeing together."

After Barillas' name was read during a final roll call, a procession of soldiers lined up to salute her soldier's cross — a rifle adorned with her boots, helmet and dog tag.

Her husband waited until the room cleared, then embraced Barillas' uncle, John Lopez, before leaving a single white rose on her cross.

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Pentagon's immigrant recruit program still on hold

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stricter Trump administration immigration policies have stymied Pentagon plans to restart a program that allowed thousands of people with critical medical or Asian and African language skills to join the military and become American citizens, according to several U.S. officials.

The decade-old program has been on hold since 2016 amid concerns that immigrant recruits were not being screened well enough and security threats were slipping through the system. Defense officials shored up the vetting process and planned to relaunch the program earlier this month.

But there was an unexpected barrier when Homeland Security officials said they would not be able to protect new immigrant recruits from being deported when their temporary visas expired after they signed a contract to join the military,

the U.S. officials said. They were not authorized to publicly describe internal discussions and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The program is called Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, or MAVNI. The plan to restart it was backed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who believes that noncitizens can bring key skills, language abilities and cultural knowledge to the military.

Mattis, a combat veteran of multiple war tours, has fought with and commanded foreign nationals, and he believes their service adds to the lethality of America's fighting force, according to the officials.

The Pentagon chief told reporters late last month that the program is designed to enlist immigrants with needed skills.

"We need and want every qualified patriot willing to serve and able to serve," Mattis said. At the time, he said the department was working diligently to address the security screening problems.

When asked about the latest develop-

ments, Air Force Maj. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said, "the unique skill sets these individuals bring is one of the reasons the U.S. military is the world's premier fighting force." She had no comment on the internal discussions to relaunch the program.

Over the past 10 years, the military services have recruited more than 10,000 immigrants through the program.

In recent years, however, the program has been mired in controversy amid growing concerns about security threats and struggles to develop a proper screening process.

Army Secretary Mark Esper, another advocate of the program, said recently that about 80 percent of MAVNI recruits who have gone through screening were approved and enlisted into the service. But he added that the Army must "exercise due diligence, to make sure we understand who is coming into our ranks and just do that. The process is never quick enough,

certainly for them, and for me as well."

Since the program's suspension in 2016, hundreds of immigrants have been stalled in the intake process, waiting a year or more to get through the updated screening.

Dozens of the immigrant recruits were discharged or had their contracts canceled as the background checks dragged on, leading to complaints and lawsuits. Defense officials said the delays were likely because the remaining applicants required more complicated security checks that take longer to complete.

In response to the suits, the Army stopped processing discharges last month and reinstated at least three dozen recruits who had been thrown out of the service.

Officials said the Pentagon is exploring other ways to adjust or replace the program in order to bring immigrants with those skills into the military. But the officials said it will be difficult and that it probably will take a good deal of time.



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Retired Capt. Gerald Peddicord, left, a plank owner on the USS Indiana, presents Lt. Keenan Coleman, weapons officer and first officer of the deck, with the long glass prior to setting the first watch.

USS Indiana commissioned in Fla.

Associated Press

PORT CANAVERAL, Fla. — A new fast attack submarine that's named after the state of Indiana has been commissioned in Florida.

The nearly 380-foot-long USS Indiana entered service Saturday following the U.S. Navy commis-

sioning ceremony in Port Canaveral, Fla.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb spoke at the ceremony, calling the new vessel a "modern marvel."

The sub can reach speeds of more than 25 knots, and it's powered by a nuclear reactor that won't need refueling during the ship's entire planned life.

Construction began in 2012 on the USS Indiana, which is the Navy's 16th Virginia-class fast attack submarine.

The submarine is the fourth vessel to be named after Indiana. Two others were battleships — one used during the 1898 Spanish-American War and the other during World War II.

US servicemember found dead in Vicenza

Stars and Stripes

An American servicemember was found dead in his barracks in Vicenza, Italy, early Monday morning, military authorities and Italian media reported.

The servicemember was found dead on Caserma Ederle, Maj. Chris Bradley, 173rd Airborne

Brigade spokesman, said in a statement.

"We are saddened by this loss and express our deepest condolences to the family," Bradley said. "The incident is under investigation by military and Italian authorities."

The Italian newspaper Corriere della Serra said the servicemem-

ber was a 24-year-old soldier and that Italian emergency personnel were unsuccessful in attempts to revive the soldier. An autopsy was being performed, the newspaper stated.

The servicemember's name was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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Poll: Majority favors more sanctions if N. Korea doesn't abandon nuclear program

FROM FRONT PAGE

Support for going to South Korea's defense is similar to the 62 percent in 2017, but substantially higher than in 2015 when 47 percent backed U.S. military action if North Korea invaded.

Again, there was broad bipartisan agreement on the issue, with 63 percent of Democrats, 61 percent of independents and 70 percent of Republicans in favor.

Roughly 28,000 U.S. troops are located on the Korean Peninsula as part of a security arrangement that has been in place since the Korean War armistice in 1953. During the campaign and later, after taking office, Trump has repeatedly expressed doubts about keeping American troops in the Asia-Pacific, often focusing on the costs for the U.S. military.

"We have 32,000 soldiers in South Korea," Trump said during a press conference in New York City last week, using a higher figure than analysts said in a survey. "They are very wealthy. These are great countries. These are very wealthy countries. I said why aren't you reimbursing us for our cause?"

The issue of U.S. troops in South Korea has long been politically divisive in South Korea. However, a survey conducted by the East Asia Institute in 2015 found 61 percent of South Koreans thought U.S. troop numbers in the broader Asia-Pacific region should be kept as they are.

The latest survey was released as the United States prepares for potential second summit between Trump and his North Korean counterpart, Kim Jong Un, to discuss denuclearization. The two leaders met in Singapore on June 12 and reached a vague agreement that called for the "complete denuclearization of the Korean

Peninsula," but Pyongyang has made few visible efforts to give up its nuclear program since then.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in visited Pyongyang earlier this month for his third meeting with Kim. Speaking in New York City last week, he said that Kim was sincere about giving up nuclear weapons.

There was little support for U.S. military acts against North Korea in retaliation for its nuclear program, with 57 percent of Americans opposed to airstrikes against North Korean facilities and 69 percent opposing the use of U.S. troops to overthrow the Kim regime. In contrast, 77 percent of Americans favored tightening economic sanctions on North Korea if it did not abandon its nuclear program, the Chicago Council found.

Less than half (44 percent) said the United States should cancel joint military exercises with South Korea, while 58 percent said they would support a complete withdrawal of American forces from the South Korean peninsula.

The poll also found large bipartisan support for South Korea's leader, with 67 percent favorable views of Moon. Despite both Trump and Moon's kind words about North Korea's Kim, the American public has kept an overwhelmingly negative view of him, with only 6 percent professing a favorable view.

The Chicago Council's analysis was based on data from an online research panel conducted by GfK Custom Research between July 12 and July 31. A total of 2,046 adults living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia were surveyed, with a margin of error of plus or minus 2.4 percentage points. The GfK Knowledge Panel was recruited through random sampling methods.

NATION



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Personal belongings and debris litter the Route 91 Harvest festival grounds in Las Vegas on Oct. 3, 2017, two days after the mass shooting that left 58 people dead.

Remembrance ceremony, memorials held for 58 victims on anniversary of Las Vegas mass shooting

By KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A flock of 58 doves was released at a somber sunrise remembrance ceremony Monday in Las Vegas that started a day of memorials to honor the lives lost when a gunman opened fire on a crowd attending an outdoor country music concert a year ago.

Several hundred people including survivors, families of victims, first responders and elected officials gathered at an outdoor amphitheater for the daybreak event to honor the 58 people who were killed and the 400 who were wounded.

"Today, we remember the unforgettable. Today, we comfort the inconsolable," said Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval. "Today, we are reminded of the pain that never really goes away."

Among the attendees who offered prayers, songs and speeches at the event was Myrinda Smith, whose sister, Nyesa Davis Tonks, was among the dead.

Smith said her sister, 46, was a single mother originally from the Salt Lake City area and was raising three boys in Las Vegas. She was energetic, adventurous and a fan of all kinds of music.

"I want to bring the message about living life to the fullest," Smith said. "About how grateful we are for our community, the love and support that we got and being 'Vegas Strong.'"

Smith started a scholarship fund for victims' children and said she reached loved ones of almost all the dead. Thirty-three were from California, six others from Nevada, four from Canada and 12 from other U.S. states.

"It was a heartbreak every time," Smith said. "This was a tragedy of grand scale. We have a long way to go. But we have to move forward with love and light."

Shooting survivors Chris and Larisa Rapanick, of Chesapeake, Va., made the trip to Las Vegas for weekend events that included a 5K run, a country music club



Left: Angelia Cervantes kneels at the grave of her son, Erick Silva, on Saturday. Silva, a security guard at the festival, was shot while helping people escape the gunfire on Oct. 1, 2017. Right: Jim Strickland, of Oroville, Calif., writes a message on a cross at a makeshift memorial for the 58 victims.



PHOTOS BY JOHN LOCHER/AP

show and a reunion of survivors on Saturday.

At the sunrise service, the Rapanicks stood with their two adult daughters.

"We weren't going to let this ruin a place we like to come to," Chris Rapanick said. "I'm glad to be standing here."

As the sunrise service went on, Jim Murren, the chief executive and CEO of MGM Resorts International, issued a statement calling the shooting "an unforgettable act of terror." MGM owns the Mandalay Bay hotel, where the gunman was when he opened fire into the concert crowd below on the Las Vegas Strip.

"October 1 will forever be a day of remembrance, reflection and mourning as we struggle to comprehend the incomprehensible

— the senseless act of evil that caused such a tragic loss of life, along with the suffering that we know continues," Murren said.

Many who were cheering Jason Aldean's headline set on the night of Oct. 1, 2017, said later they thought the rapid crack-crack-crack they heard was fireworks — until people fell dead, wounded, bleeding.

From across neon-lit Las Vegas Boulevard, a gambler-turned-gunsman with what police later called a meticulous plan but an unknown reason fired assault-style rifles for 11 minutes from 32nd-floor windows of the Mandalay Bay into the concert crowd below. Police said he then put a pistol in his mouth and killed himself.

Medical examiners later determined that all 58 deaths were

from gunshots. Another 413 people were wounded, and police said at least 456 were injured fleeing the carnage.

Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo spoke at the sunrise event, recalling the chaos and confusion of the night.

"When the sun rose the next morning, grief turned to anger, anger turned to resolve and resolve turned to action," Lombardo said.

He remembered prayers to "heal broken hearts," blood banks filled with donors and "acts of kindness that comforted the suffering."

Lombardo didn't provide answers to what made Stephen Craig Paddock unleash his hail of gunfire. He declared the police investigation ended in August and issued a report that said hundreds

of interviews and thousands of hours of investigative work found no motive, no conspiracy and no other shooters.

A final FBI report, including a behavioral analysis of Paddock, is expected by year-end.

Another report last month involving the Federal Emergency Management Agency found communications were snarled and police, fire and medical responders were overwhelmed by 911 calls, false reports of other shootings and the number of victims.

Las Vegas police continue to make weekly releases of material collected following the attack under court order in a media public records lawsuit. Included have been investigative documents, 911 audio recordings, police reports, witness statements and many hours of officer body-worn video.

Unanswered in the 21 batches posted to date is what made a 64-year-old former accountant, real estate investor, small-plane pilot and high-limit video poker player assemble an arsenal and attack a concert crowd?

Paddock was characterized by police as a loner with no religious or political affiliations who became obsessed with guns, spent more than \$1.5 million in the two years before the shooting and distanced himself from his girlfriend and family.

A forensic accountant recently put the value of Paddock's estate at just under \$1.4 million. Paddock's lawyer said the money should go to victims. A disbursement plan has not yet been established.

Paddock's gambling habits made him a sought-after casino patron. Over several days, Mandalay Bay employees readily let him use a service that used to take suitcase to the \$590-per-night suite he had been provided for free. The room had a commanding view of the Strip and the Route 91 Harvest festival concert grounds across the street.

After breaking out windows, Paddock fired 0.7 seconds in 11 minutes, police have said.

"Today, we are reminded of the pain that never really goes away."

Brian Sandoval, governor of Nevada

NATION

Supreme Court starts term as an octet

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's the storm before the calm at the Supreme Court.

Americans watched Thursday's high court nomination hearing of Judge Brett Kavanaugh with rapt attention. The televised spectacle was filled with disturbing allegations of sexual assault and Kavanaugh's angry, emotional denial.

On Monday, the court started its new term with the crack of the marshal's gavel and not a camera in sight.

The term's start has been completely overshadowed by the tumult over Kavanaugh's nomination. Republicans had hoped to have Kavanaugh confirmed in time for the court's first public meeting since late June, an addition that would cement conservative control of the court. Instead, there are only eight justices on the bench for the second time in three terms, with a breakdown of four conservatives and four liberals. The court was down a member in October 2016, too, following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Justice Neil Gorsuch joined the court in April 2017 after all but about a dozen cases had been argued. It's unclear how long the vacancy created by Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement in July will last. Consideration of Kavanaugh's nomination by the Senate has been delayed while the FBI undertakes an investigation of Christine Blasey Ford's allegation that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her in 1982.

An empty seat on the bench often forces a push for compromise and leads to a less exciting caseload, mainly to avoid 4-4 splits between conservatives and liberals. The cases the court has agreed to hear so far this term look nothing like the stream of high-profile disputes over President Donald Trump's travel ban, partisan redistricting, union fees and a clash over religious objections to same-sex marriage that the court heard last term.

"It's a time of transition for the Supreme Court," Solicitor General Noel Francisco, the Trump administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, told a liberalist Society meeting in Washington recently.

Kennedy won't be on the bench for the first time in more than 30 years, meaning lawyers will not have to aim their arguments at attracting his swing vote. Now, Chief Justice John Roberts probably will be the university, although the center of the court, although he is far more conservative than



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People line up at the Supreme Court on Monday, the new term's first day. The court's work begins with only eight justices on the bench.

Kennedy on most issues.

"All eyes ought to be on the chief justice," said Greg Garre, a solicitor general during George W. Bush's presidency. Roberts' votes in favor of President Barack Obama's signature domestic legislation, the Affordable Care Act, show "he's willing to buck other conservatives on hot-button, high-profile issues," Garre said.

In addition, even if Kavanaugh

or another Trump nominee eventually joins the court, Roberts' concern about the public's perception of the court might make him unwilling to move the court too far, too fast in any direction, Garre said.

So far, the court has agreed to hear about 40 cases, and could add a few dozen more to decide by the end of the term in June.

The very first case involves the

federal government's designation of Louisiana timberland as critical habitat for the endangered dusky gopher frog.

Two cases involving the death penalty will be argued in the first two months, including one on Tuesday in which lawyers for Alabama death row inmate Vernon Madison argue he shouldn't be executed because strokes and dementia have left him unable to remember the details of the killing of a police officer in 1985. In the November case, Missouri inmate Russell Bucklew says he shouldn't be subjected to execution by lethal injection because he has a rare medical condition that could cause him to choke on his own blood during an execution.

The court stopped both executions on the days they were supposed to take place, which often suggests the inmate will prevail. But Kennedy was a vote for the inmates in both cases, and it's not clear there is a majority of justices for either Madison or Bucklew.

The court will also take on issues including the detention of immigrants, uranium mining in Virginia and the settlement of a lawsuit involving Google in which the settlement largely directed money to organizations rather than search engine users.

Yale classmate recalls Kavanaugh's drinking, questions his testimony

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI agents interviewed one of the three women who have accused Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct as Republicans and Democrats quarreled over whether the bureau would have enough time and freedom to conduct a thorough investigation before a high-stakes vote on his nomination to the nation's highest court.

The White House insisted it was not "micromanaging" the new one-week review of Kavanaugh's background, but some Democratic lawmakers claimed the White House was keeping investigators from interviewing certain witnesses.

Even as the FBI explored the past allegations that have surfaced against Kavanaugh, another Yale University classmate came forward to accuse the federal appellate judge of being untruthful in his testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee about the extent of his drinking in college.

As the fresh review unfolded, the prosecutor who was brought in by Republicans to handle questioning at last week's hearing outlined in a new memo why she did not believe criminal charges would be brought against Kavanaugh if it were a criminal case rather than a Supreme Court confirmation process. Rachel Mitchell wrote that she did not believe

a "reasonable prosecutor would bring this case based on the evidence before the Committee."

In speaking to FBI agents, Deborah Ramirez detailed her allegation that Kavanaugh exposed himself to her at a party in the early 1980s when they were students at Yale University, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to publicly discuss details of a confidential investigation. Kavanaugh has denied Ramirez's allegation.

In a statement released Sunday, a Yale classmate of Kavanaugh's said he is "deeply troubled by what has been a blatant mischaracterization by Brett himself of his drinking at Yale." Charles "Chad" Ludington, who now teaches at North Carolina State University, said he was a friend of Kavanaugh's at Yale and that Kavanaugh was "a frequent drinker, and a heavy drinker."

While saying that youthful drinking should not condemn a person for life, Ludington said he was concerned about Kavanaugh's statements under oath.

Speaking to the issue of the scope of the FBI's investigation, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said White House counsel Don McGahn, who is managing Kavanaugh's nomination, "has allowed the Senate to dictate what the terms look like, and what the scope of the investigation is."

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NATION

Calif. governor says no to 'safe injection' plan

By JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California Gov. Jerry Brown rejected legislation on Sunday that would have allowed San Francisco to open what could be the nation's first supervised drug injection site under a pilot program.

Advocates of "safe injection" sites say the locations would save lives by preventing drug overdoses and providing access to counseling.

But the U.S. government and other critics say taxpayers should not be helping users shoot up heroin, methamphetamine or other illegal drugs.

"Fundamentally I do not believe that enabling illegal drug use in government sponsored injection centers — with no corresponding requirement that the user undergo treatment — will reduce drug addiction," Brown said in his announcement of the veto.

San Francisco Mayor London Breed has vowed to open a supervised injection site, saying the status quo is not acceptable in a city known for rampant drug use. It's not uncommon to see people injecting drugs in public, and used needles are a major source of trash.

"Safe injection sites save lives," she said Sunday. "If we are going to prevent overdoses and connect people to services and

treatment that they badly need to stop using drugs in the first place, we need safe injection sites."

The country is struggling with an opioid epidemic that has led to rising overdose deaths. The increase has been attributed to the painkiller fentanyl and similar drugs that are powerful but relatively cheap and cut into street drugs without buyers' knowledge.

San Francisco has reported about 200 overdose deaths annually in recent years, largely from opioids.

AB186 would have protected staff and participants from state prosecution related to illegal narcotics.

But it gave no legal cover from federal

laws, including a "crack house" statute that makes it a felony to knowingly maintain a place for using a controlled substance.

San Francisco has not shied away from confronting the U.S. government and has repeatedly sued the Trump administration, including one lawsuit over sanctuary protections for people in the country illegally.

The issue of drug injection sites would likely wind up before a federal judge if San Francisco opens a clinic, legal experts say.

There are safe injection sites in Canada and Europe, but none in the United States. Seattle, New York and Philadelphia are among cities that have pledged support.

Pa. authorities seek tips after car explosion leaves 3 dead

Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Autopsies were planned Monday on the bodies of three people found dead after a car explosion on a downtown street in what authorities called a "criminal incident" being probed by federal, state and local authorities.

Three males were found dead after the 9:30 p.m. Saturday blast in Allentown, said Lehigh County

Coroner Scott Grim.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is leading the investigation along with the FBI, state police, and city and county authorities. Officials said the blast was believed to have been an isolated incident with no ongoing threat to the public.

"We know there's been a criminal incident," District Attorney James Martin told reporters at

a news conference Sunday. "We have a high degree of confidence that the perpetrator was probably killed in the incident."

Authorities released no information about the possible cause of the blast, including whether it was a bomb, but Martin said "loads of us in law enforcement" are confident "this was, A, an isolated incident and, B, there's no continuing threat."

Authorities are seeking the public's help and asked anyone with information to call the ATF.

Resident Carlos Perodin told The Morning Call of Allentown that he was watching a movie with his wife when he heard a thunderous explosion and went to the scene. "The fire was crazy," he said. "The car was pretty much split in half."

Stephanie Connelly, who saw

the aftermath of the explosion, told The Morning Call that she saw body parts strewn across the street.

A bus station was turned into a makeshift command center with armored vehicles, dozens of police cruisers, mobile command units and even portable bathrooms, the paper reported.

Several portable tents were also erected for evidence processing.



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NATION

Pa. keeps state college abuse report from public

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press

Even as top Pennsylvania officials assail the Catholic Church over its cover-up of clergy sexual abuse, a state agency is refusing to release a report on allegations of sexual abuse by a high-ranking state university administrator despite lingering questions about how the accusers' complaints were handled.

In a case that bears some broad similarities to — and contains important differences with — the Pennsylvania church scandal that exploded in August, Pennsylvania's higher education agency won't agree to allow the public to see the 10-year-old report on former East Stroudsburg University Vice President Isaac Sanders. The report has taken on fresh significance in the wake of a new federal lawsuit by Sanders over his firing that could put Pennsylvania taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars.

The office of Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro — acting as the higher education agency's lawyer — said the report on Sanders remains subject to an 8-year-old confidentiality agreement and can't be released.

But Sanders' lawyer said he "could care less" if the document is disclosed, and the students who accused Sanders of sexual assault and harassment have long wanted the state's evidence against him made public, only to be rebuffed by state officials.

The government's position that it should remain out of public view stands in sharp contrast to Shapiro's well-publicized effort to force the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania covered up widespread abuse by predator priests.

The first-term Democrat has been on a media blitz since he released a blockbuster grand jury report that found senior officials in the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania covered up widespread abuse by predator priests.

Shapiro blasted church leaders for "protecting their institution at all costs" and ridiculed clergy who fought to block the release of the grand jury report, declaring "they wanted to cover up the cover-up." He's now waging a legal battle against nearly two dozen priests who are fighting to keep their names blacked out of the

public version of the 900-page document.

In the Sanders case, though, the state has long refused to share what it knows with the public.

The former students at East Stroudsburg, a state-run university in the Pocono Mountains, claim Sanders used his high-powered job to offer them gifts, scholarships and campus jobs, then sexually harassed or assaulted them — including forced oral sex. Their lawyer portrayed him as a predator who targeted emotionally fragile black men from broken homes because he believed they'd be less likely to report the abuse.

The state's investigation into Sanders, which led to his 2008 ouster, found he "exercised exceedingly poor judgment toward" students and mishandled donor funds, according to his termination letter.

Sanders has never been charged with a crime and has always categorically denied sexually touching any of the men. A federal jury sided with the former university official in a 2014 lawsuit brought by the students. Sanders, who faced a similar accusation of sexual misconduct when he worked at Stillman College in Alabama in the 1990s, recently filed a wrongful termination suit against the state, alleging he was railroaded.

After Sanders sued, The Associated Press asked Shapiro's office and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to release the 2008 investigative report on him. Both agencies declined — the attorney general's office acting on behalf of its client — citing a court order still in effect from the students' lawsuit.

After losing at trial, the students' lawyer asked the attorney general's office in 2016 to abandon the confidentiality agreement and release the report. "Failure to disclose," wrote the attorney, Albert Murray Jr., is "tantamount to a cover-up... by the state."

The government rejected the students' request. It remains unclear the extent to which law enforcement investigated the students' allegations or the claims of financial malfeasance. The local district attorney said he turned the investigation over to federal prosecutors years ago.

The U.S. Attorney's Office did not immediately respond to a request for information about Sanders. The state attorney general's office has said it couldn't do its own criminal investigation because its civil division was already representing East Stroudsburg in the students' lawsuit.



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

California State Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, authored bill SB826 requiring publicly traded companies to include women on their boards of directors of 2020. Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill into law Sunday.

Calif. is first state to require women on corporate boards

By SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California has become the first state to require publicly traded companies to include women on their boards of directors, one of several laws boosting or protecting women that Gov. Jerry Brown signed Sunday.

The measure requires at least one female director on the board of each California-based public corporation by the end of next year. Companies would need up to three female directors by the end of 2021, depending on the number of board seats.

The Democratic governor referenced the objections and legal concerns that the law has raised. The California Chamber of Commerce has said the policy will be difficult for companies to implement and violates constitutional prohibitions against discrimination.

"I don't minimize the potential flaws that indeed may prove fatal to its ultimate implementation," Brown wrote in a signing statement. "Nevertheless, recent events in Washington, D.C. — and beyond — make it crystal clear that many are not getting the message."

It is one of several measures affecting women that Brown signed Sunday, his last opportunity to approve or veto laws before the term-limited governor leaves office. He also approved legislation requiring smaller employers to provide sexual harassment training and banning sexual settlements related to sexual assault and harassment.

But he vetoed a bill that would have required California's public universities to provide medication for abortion at campus health centers, saying the services are already "widely available" off campus.

Brown's actions come as the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct led to a reckoning nationwide that has ousted men from power. The latest high-profile allegations are against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, who

has denied decades-old claims of sexual misconduct from three women.

The author of the California measure on corporate boards, SB826, said she believes having more women in power could help reduce sexual assault and harassment in the workplace.

Having more women on the boards also will make companies more successful, state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson said. Women tend to be more collaborative and are better at multitasking, the Santa Barbara Democrat said.

A fourth of publicly held corporations with headquarters in California don't have any women on their boards of directors. These companies have not done enough to increase the number of women on their boards despite the Legislature's urging, making government intervention necessary, Jackson said.

"This is one of the last bastions of total male domination," she said. "We know that the public and business are not being well-served by this level of discrimination."

The California Chamber of Commerce argued that the composition of corporate boards should be determined internally, not mandated by government. The chamber said the new law will prioritize gender over other aspects of diversity, such as race and ethnicity.

"It creates a challenge for a board on achieving broader diversity goals," said Jennifer Barrera, senior vice president for policy at the chamber.

The law applies to companies that report having their principal executive offices in California. Companies can be fined \$100,000 for a first violation and \$300,000 for subsequent violations.

Some European countries, including Norway and France, already mandate that corporate boards include women.

First lady embarks on Africa trip

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First lady Melania Trump headed for Africa on her first big solo international trip, aiming to make child well-being the focus of a five-day, four-country tour that will take her to every corner of the vast and impoverished continent.

Departing Monday, she opens her first visit to Africa on Tuesday in Ghana in the West, followed by stops in Malawi in the South, Kenya in the East and Egypt in the Northeast.

Her first extended tour on the world stage outside the shadow of President Donald Trump could still be complicated by her husband, who has spoken of the continent in impolite and even vulgar terms.

"That leaves the first lady with some fence-mending duties," he said. "She's got some heavy lifting to do on this trip, and it's a little bit

unfair because that's not what a first lady's trip should be about," said Josh Devermont, the Africa program director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. First ladies usually practice a softer form of diplomacy, showing interest in a host nation's schools, hospitals and arts programs and avoiding thornier issues.

Joshua Meserve, a senior Africa policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation, countered by noting the "positive engagements" the president has had with some African heads of state, including Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, who met with Trump at the White House in late August. Trump also met last week in New York with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Meserve also noted that the U.S. spends considerable amounts on public health and development initiatives in Malawi, which is among the world's least-devel-

oped countries.

"I think the U.S.-Africa relationship is much bigger than the president's comments, and it's been going on for decades and decades," he said. "Frankly, I suspect the vast majority of average Africans have not heard of any of those dust-ups. It's very much an elite preoccupation."

Melania Trump's five days on the continent will feature a mix of visits to hospitals, schools and shelters as she focuses on the well-being of children.

Child welfare is a top issue for Trump, the mother of a 12-year-old son. She focuses on the issue in the United States through an initiative she launched this year named "Be Best."

This week's trip will mark her first extended period promoting the program and its goals abroad, separate from an event she held during a stop in London with the president in July.

NATION



RUDY GUTIERREZ, THE EL PASO (TEXAS) TIMES/AP

Southbound vehicles leave El Paso, Texas, and enter Juarez, Mexico, at the Bridge of the Americas international port of entry.

GUN MIGRATION

Many immigrants cross US border fleeing violence of American weapons

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

Among the thousands of immigrants who have been coming across the U.S.-Mexico border in recent months, many are seeking to escape gang and drug violence raging in their homelands. The weapon of choice used to intimidate them? Often, an American-made gun.

While the flow of drugs and immigrants into the U.S. has been well-documented for decades and become a regular part of the political debate, what is often overlooked is how gangs and drug cartels exploit weaknesses at the border to smuggle guns from the U.S. into Latin America.

A 2013 report by the University of San Diego says the number of firearms smuggled from the United States was so significant that nearly half of American gun dealers rely on that business to stay afloat. On average, an estimated 253,000 firearms each year are purchased in the United States expressly to be sent to Mexico, the report said, the vast majority of the sales originating in the border states of California, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Once in Mexico, the weapons end up in the hands of drug cartels or get shipped to gangs in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador — countries that are dealing with an epidemic of gun violence.

Armed holdups on public transportation are a regular occurrence in Honduras, where nearly half of the unregistered weapons

originated in the U.S., the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives reported in recent years.

Gun violence in El Salvador is so rampant that the country has been averaging more than one shootout a day between police and gangs this year, said Ricardo Sosa, a criminologist specializing in gangs and security in El Salvador.

"In every one of these operations, police are able to seize between two and six firearms at the scene," he said. "That is one of the indicators that the gangs are armed on many occasions with long guns and short guns for each one of their members."

Mexico last year recorded its highest number of murders in nearly two decades, with more than 31,000 people killed, higher than during the country's drug war in 2011. It continues unabated, with an average of 88 people killed each day in the first five months of this year.

The bloodshed in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador has been a big driver of immigration into the U.S., with the government saying nearly 16,000 families came across the border in August alone — many of them from those three countries.

Gun control groups contend that the U.S. government is essentially exporting gang violence to Latin America with permissive gun laws — which in turn creates an immigration crisis along the border.

"If the Trump administration were serious about wanting to stop

refugees from fleeing violence in Latin America and Mexico to come north, they would be doing something about the southward

'They're not buying grandpa's old shotgun that's been lying around and found in a shed. They're buying brand-new Colt AR-15s.'

Bernard Zapor
retired agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

They say the numbers are inflated and that the industry has proactively sought to educate licensed gun dealers on how to detect "straw purchases," in which a firearm is bought expressly to give it to someone who otherwise would not be able to legally own a gun.

"Obviously, Mexico has a huge

problem with rampant corruption that clearly cannot be blamed on the U.S.," the NRA said in a position paper on the issue in 2009. "At the same time, Mexico has extremely prohibitive gun laws, yet has far worse crime than the U.S."

Under the Obama administration, federal authorities launched an operation dubbed Fast and Furious that allowed criminals to buy firearms with the intention of tracking them to criminal organizations. But the ATF lost most of the guns, including two that were found at the scene of a slaying of a U.S. Border Patrol agent.

In 2011, gun dealers along the border states were required to report to the ATF anytime someone purchased two or more semi-automatic long guns in a five-day period.

President Donald Trump issued an executive order in 2017, as his response to gun trafficking, directing federal agencies to ramp up prosecution aimed at going after foreign criminals and to improve coordination among federal

agencies along the border.

Nabbing the guns at the border is a challenge on several levels. They aren't as detectable as drug shipments and they can be disassembled and loaded with legal goods making their way from the U.S.

"The effectiveness of this kind of gun smuggling still remains very high. It doesn't take a whole lot," said David Shirk, one of the University of San Diego report's authors.

Experts say a big reason gun trafficking remains one of the hot commodities flowing from the United States into Latin America is profit.

Retired ATF agent Bernard Zapor noted that an AR-platform firearm that sells retail in the U.S. for \$1,000 can fetch more than \$4,000 in Mexico. A box of ammo that might go for just under \$200 could command \$3,000.

"They're not buying grandpa's old shotgun that's been lying around and found in a shed," Zapor said. "They're buying brand-new Colt AR-15s."

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2 Koreas begin removing DMZ land mines

By HUYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North and South Korean troops began removing some of the land mines planted at their heavily fortified border on Monday, Seoul officials said, in the first implementation of recent agreements aimed at easing their decadeslong military standoff.

The demining comes amid resumed diplomacy over North Korea's nuclear weapons program after weeks of stalemated negotiations. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is to visit Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, this month to try to set up a second summit between President Donald Trump

and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

On Monday, South Korean army engineers with demining equipment were deployed to the border village of Panmunjom and another front-line area called "Arrow Head Hill," where the Koreans plan their first joint searches for soldiers killed during the 1950-53 Korean War.

The troops began removing mines on the southern part of the two sites. Later Monday, the South Korean military detected North Korean soldiers engaged in what it believed was demining on the northern part of the sites, a South Korean defense official said on condition of anonymity, citing department rules.

The official refused to provide more details. North Korea's state media didn't immediately confirm its reported demining.

At Arrow Head Hill, where some of the fiercest battles occurred during the Korean War, Seoul officials believe there are remains of about 300 South Korean and U.N. forces, along with an unspecified number of Chinese and North Korean remains.

The Korean War left millions dead or missing, and South Korea wants to expand joint excavations with North Korea for remains at Demilitarized Zone areas. The Koreans remain split along the 155-mile-long DMZ that was originally created as a buffer zone at the end

of the Korean War. About 2 million mines are believed to be scattered in and near the DMZ, which is also guarded by hundreds of thousands of combat troops, barbed-wire fences and tank traps.

Mines dislodged by flooding and landslides have occasionally caused deaths in front-line areas in South Korea. In 2015, a land mine blast blamed on North Korea maimed two South Korean soldiers and pushed the Koreans to the brink of war.

The agreement to clear mines, the first such effort since the early 2000s, was among a package of tension-easing deals struck by the Koreans' defense chiefs on the sidelines of a leaders' summit

last month in Pyongyang. Aiming to reduce conventional military threats, they also agreed to remove 11 front-line guard posts by December and set up buffer zones along their land and sea boundaries and a no-fly zone above the border to prevent accidental clashes.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Monday the military deals will "end all hostile acts on land, sea and sky between South and North Korea."

In a speech marking South Korea's 70th Armed Forces Day, Moon also called for a stronger national defense, saying "peace can continue only when we have power and are confident of protecting ourselves."

Burials begin in Indonesia; despair of survivors grows

By NINIK KARMINI
Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia — Bright-colored body bags were placed side by side in a freshly dug mass grave Monday as a hard-hit Indonesian city began burying its dead from the devastating earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 840 people and left thousands homeless.

The death toll, largely from the city of Palu, is expected to keep rising as areas cut off by the damage are reached. The magnitude 7.5 earthquake struck at dusk Friday and generated a tsunami said to have been as high as 20 feet in places.

Local army commander Tiopan Artonang said 545 bodies would be brought to the grave from one hospital alone. The trench dug in Palu was 33 feet by 330 feet and can be enlarged if needed, said Willem Rampangilei, chief of Indonesia's National Disaster Mitigation Agency.

"This must be done as soon as possible for health and religious reasons," he said. Indonesia is majority Muslim, and religious custom calls for burials soon after death, typically within one day.

Local military spokesman Mohammad Thorir said the area adjacent to a public cemetery can hold 1,000 bodies.

All of the victims, coming from local hospitals, have been photographed to help families locate where their relatives were buried. Video footage showed residents walking from body bag to body bag, opening the tops to check if they could identify faces.

About midday, teams of workers, their mouths covered by masks, carried 18 bodies and laid them in the trench. A backhoe waited to push soil on top of the dead. More burials were expected to follow.

Military and commercial aircraft were delivering some aid and supplies. But there was a need for more equipment to help possible survivors buried in collapsed

buildings, including an eight-story hotel in Palu where voices had been heard in the rubble.

People suffering from a lack of food and supplies were also becoming more desperate.

Local television said about 3,000 residents had flocked to the Palu airport trying to get out. Footage showed some people screaming in anger because they were not able to board departing military aircraft.

The airport has resumed only some commercial flights.

"We have not eaten for three days!" one woman yelled. "We just want to be safe!"

resident of Palu, Indonesia
Joko "Jokowi"

Indonesian President Widodoaunthorized the acceptance of international help, according to disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, adding that generators, heavy equipment and tents were among the items needed. He said the European Union and three countries have offered assistance, including the United States, Australia and China.

"We will send food today, as much as possible with several aircraft," Widodo told journalists in the capital, Jakarta, adding that a supply of fuel was also set to arrive.

Nugroho said conditions in the Balaraa area of Palu were particularly bad because the earthquake caused the ground to violently heave up and sink down in places, trapping many people under destroyed houses. In Petobo, another area of the city, the tremor caused liquefaction, when loose, water-filled soil near the surface loses its strength, causing massive damage.

In Petobo, it is estimated that there are still hundreds of victims buried in mud material," he said.



SEPAHNEWS/AP

Missiles are fired from the city of Kermanshah in western Iran targeting Islamic State in Syria.

Iran launches missiles into Syria, targets militants blamed for military parade attack

By NASSER KARIMI
AND JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard launched six ballistic missiles early Monday toward eastern Syria, targeting militants it blamed for an attack on a military parade in Iran last month, while also threatening regional adversaries as Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers unravels.

The launch saw the Guard fire missiles with enough range to strike regional U.S. military bases and targets inside both Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Iran's supreme leader has called out those two nations by name, accusing them of being behind the Sept. 22 attack on the parade in the Iranian city of Ahvaz, something denied by both Riyadh and Abu Dhabi.

The strike on Monday marked the second such attack by Iran in a month's time and highlighted the greater tension felt across the Mideast. U.S. sanctions targeting Tehran's oil industry will take effect in early November.

"This is the roaring of missiles belonging to the Revolutionary Guard of the Islamic Revolution," the state TV reporter said as the missiles launched behind him. "In a few minutes, the world of arrogance — especially America, the (Israeli) Zionist regime and the Al Saud — will hear the sound of Iran's repeated blows."

Al Saud is a reference to Saudi Arabia's royal family.

Iranian state TV and the state-run IRNA news agency said the missiles "killed and wounded" militants in Syria, without elaborating. Iran also launched drone attacks on the site afterward, the TV said.

Syrian state media did not im-

mediately acknowledge the strike.

Iranian TV identified the area from where the missiles were launched as in Iran's western province of Kermanshah. It also aired a graphic suggesting the missiles flew over central Iraq near the city of Tikrit before landing near the city of Boukamal in the far southeast of Syria.

Boukamal is held by forces loyal to Syria's embattled President Bashar Assad. However, the city has been targeted even now by ISIS militants who have lost almost all the territory they once held in Syria and Iraq.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, told The Associated Press that the Iranian missiles hit the ISIS-held town of Hajin, just north of Boukamal.

Strong explosions shook the area in the early hours of Monday, reverberating east of the Euphrates River, he said.

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Activists advocating for secession wave Catalan independence flags as others sit on the railway tracks at the station in Girona, Spain, on Monday.

Catalan separatists, divided a year after vote, block roads, train lines

BY RENATA BRITO
AND ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

SANT JULIA DE RAMIS, Spain — Pro-secession activists in Catalonia blocked major highways, train lines and avenues across the northeastern region Monday on the anniversary of a banned referendum that was crushed by police and failed to deliver independence from Spain.

Student strikes, emotional speeches and mass demonstrations were planned to commemorate the Oct. 1, 2017, vote that Spanish courts had deemed illegal and that caused the country's gravest political crisis in decades.

The anniversary is being marked by a fractured Catalan independence movement and amid a timid dialogue with the central government, now in the hands of a minority Socialist administration.

The day began with early protests called via online messaging apps by the Committees for the Defense of the Republic, or CDRs. They are local activist groups that emerged after last year's independence declaration, based on the referendum's results, was never implemented. Central authorities took control of Catalonia, and a judicial investigation landed top separatist leaders in jail while others fled the country.

In Girona, north of Barcelona, hundreds of activists on Monday occupied high-speed railway tracks, halting train traffic for more than two hours before they peacefully left the local station. Some protesters

then moved to the local headquarters of the Spanish government's delegation, demanding the removal of the national flag from the building.

The CDRs also shared photos and posts on social media showing road blockages on regional roads and at several points along the AP-7 highway, the main north-south artery running through eastern Catalonia and leading to the French border.

‘The Catalan government has not done much, and we are determined to make the Catalan Republic happen.’

Maria Vila
Catalan protester

and demand more progress on secession.

“The Catalan government has not done much, and we are determined to make the Catalan Republic happen in any way we can, even if it is by holding another referendum — a legal one,” she told The Associated Press.

Cancer researchers from US, Japan win Nobel in medicine

BY DAVID KEYTON
AND JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — The Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded Monday to two researchers from the United States and Japan for advances in discovering how the body's immune system can fight off the scourge of cancer.

The \$1.01 million prize will be shared by James Allison, of the University of Texas, and Tasuku Honjo, of Kyoto University.

Their parallel work concerned proteins that act as brakes on the body's immune system, and it constitutes “a landmark in our fight against cancer,” said a statement from the Nobel Assembly of Sweden's Karolinska Institute, which selects winners of the annual prestigious award.

Allison studied a known protein and developed the concept into a new treatment approach, while Honjo discovered a new protein that also operated as a brake on immune cells.

“I'm honored and humbled to receive this prestigious recognition,” Allison said in a statement released by the university's MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where he is a professor.

“A driving motivation for scientists is simply to push the frontiers of knowledge. I didn't set out to study cancer but to understand the biology of T cells, these incredible cells that travel our bodies and work to protect us,” he said.

Allison and Honjo's prize-winning work started in the 1990s and was part of significant advances in cancer immunotherapy.

“In some patients, this therapy is remarkably effective,” Jeremy Berg, editor-in-chief of the Science family of journals, told The Associated Press. “The number of different types of cancers for which this approach to immunotherapy is being found to be effective in at least some patients continues to grow.”

Therapy developed from Honjo's work led to long-term remission in patients with metastatic cancer that had been considered essentially untreatable, the Nobel Assembly said.

Berg said former President Jimmy Carter's cancer, which had spread to his brain, was treated with one of the drugs developed from Honjo's work.

The physics prize will be announced Tuesday, followed by chemistry. The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize will be named Friday, and the economics laureate will be announced Monday. No literature prize is being given this year.

Sweden's Arnault convicted of rape

BY JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The man at the center of a sex abuse and financial crimes scandal that is tarnishing the academy that awards the Nobel Prize in Literature was convicted of rape and sentenced to two years in prison on Monday.

Jean-Claude Arnault, a major cultural figure in Sweden, had faced two counts of rape of a woman in 2011.

He was found guilty of one rape, but was acquitted of the other because the victim said she was asleep and judges said her account wasn't reliable.

“The court's conclusion is that the evidence is enough to find the defendant guilty of one of the events,” said Stockholm District Court Judge Gudrun Antemar.

In Sweden, rape is punishable by a minimum of two years and a maximum of six years in prison.

Prosecutor Christina Voigt had demanded three years in prison for Arnault, who is married to a Swedish Academy member.

The victim's lawyer, Elisabeth Massi Fritz, said the verdict was “a big relief for my client, who today believes in justice.”

Arnault, 72, had denied the charges, which have rocked the prestigious academy, with seven members either being forced to leave or quitting in April.

In May, the academy announced that no prize would be awarded this year.

Arnault, who is a French citizen, is married to poet and Swedish Academy former member Katarina Frostenson. She quit in April at the same time as former permanent Secretary Sara Danius.

On top of that, Arnault also has been suspected of violating century-old Nobel rules by leaking names of winners of the prestigious award — allegedly seven times since 1996.

ICC prosecutors urge judges to continue Ivory Coast trial against former president

BY MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — International Criminal Court prosecutors urged judges Monday to continue the trial of former Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo and a government ex-minister on trial for their alleged involvement in deadly violence that erupted after the country's disputed 2010 presidential election.

Lawyers for Gbagbo and former youth minister Charles Ble Goudé filed motions earlier this year arguing that prosecutors presented

insufficient evidence for the trial to continue and calling for the immediate acquittal of both men. The calls came at the end of the prosecution case.

But the court's deputy prosecutor, James Stewart, told the three-judge trial panel that the evidence so far is strong enough for the case to continue.

“At this midway stage of the trial proceedings, is there evidence ... upon which any trial chamber acting reasonably could find the accused guilty of the charges?” Stewart said. “We submit the answer to that question is ‘Yes.’”

Gbagbo and Ble Goudé, who were both in court for Monday's hearing, have pleaded not guilty to four crimes against humanity charges, including murder and rape allegedly committed by pro-Gbagbo supporters during postelection violence that left 3,000 people dead. Prosecutors accuse Gbagbo of unleashing violence in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to cling to office after losing a runoff to now-President Alassane Ouattara.

Gbagbo's historic trial, the ICC's first against a former head of state, began in January 2016.

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OPINION

Kavanaugh tellingly belligerent on beer

By ROBIN ABCARIAN
Los Angeles Times

Can we talk about beer for a sec? Specifically, Brett Kavanaugh's professed affection for it?

Like a lot of people who have lived with or been friends with people who love beer a little too much, I experienced some familiar, unpleasant emotions as I watched the Supreme Court nominee's behavior disintegrate Thursday in his Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Kavanaugh came into the hearing room already upset, and who could blame him? Accusations of sexual assault have put his Supreme Court nomination at risk. He was under tremendous pressure.

I didn't think it possible, but Kavanaugh's performance rivaled — with an assist from the calculated histrionics of Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham — Clarence Thomas' incendiary 1991 rebuttal to allegations that he had sexually harassed Anita Hill. Thomas was, he said, the victim of a "high-tech lynching," a brilliant and despicable accusation that managed to trivialize the scourge of real lynching, put Democratic senators on the defensive and save his nomination. If Kavanaugh had been able to play a race card, I'm sure he would have.

A man like Kavanaugh, who has attended the "best" schools, excelled at academics and athletics and risen to the top of his profession, does not take kindly to being under suspicion. Once senators started to question him, his high dudgeon, which was defensible, turned into something darker, and far more revealing about who he is: a political operative who had the great good fortune to be named to a court that is a proving ground for future Supreme Court justices. Someone, it became clear, who likes beer, but does not want to be asked about drinking. In fact, he mentioned some version of liking beer at least 12 times, according to the hearing transcript.

I thought it was kind of cute when Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg fell asleep briefly during a State of

the Union speech and later confessed she had finished some wine at dinner. For a woman in her 80s, such a faux pas seemed forgivable. But there was something really odd about the way the 53-year-old Kavanaugh talked about beer. Questions about his high school drinking, entirely relevant to Christine Blasey Ford's accusation that he sexually assaulted her when she was 15 and he was an inebriated 17-year-old — seemed to spark in him a combination of belligerence, sarcasm and defensiveness. The spectacle was uncomfortably familiar to those of us who have dealt with people who drink to excess.

When Kavanaugh was asked by Rachel Mitchell, the prosecutor hired by committee Republicans to keep the proceedings civil — whether he consumed alcohol during high school, he could have simply said "Yes." Instead, he began one of several alcohol-related rants. "Yes, we drank beer," he said. "My friends and I, the boys and the girls, we drank beer. And we drank. Still like beer. We drank beer. The drinking age, as I noted, was 18, so the seniors were legal, senior year in high school, people were legal to drink, and we — yeah, we drank beer, and I said sometimes — sometimes probably had too many beers, and sometimes other people had too many beers. ... We drank beer. We liked beer."

When Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse asked him whether the phrase "Ralph Club" in his high school yearbook referred to vomiting related to drinking, Kavanaugh could not even bear to entertain the question. He could have simply said "Yes." Most people know that "Ralphing" is a side effect of over-consumption.

Instead, he obfuscated. "Senator, I was at the top of my class academically, busted my butt in school. Captain of the varsity basketball team. Got in Yale College. When I got into Yale college, got into Yale Law School. Weaked me right tail off."

"And did the word 'ralph' ... refer to alcohol?" Whitehouse asked.

"I like beer," replied Kavanaugh. "I like beer. I don't know if you do. ... Do you like

beer, Senator, or not? What do you like to drink? Senator, what do you like to drink?"

Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy asked about a drinking memoir by Kavanaugh's friend Mark Judge, who is alleged to have been present in the bedroom where Ford said she was assaulted. Leahy wondered if a drunk character in the book, Bart O'Kavanaugh, who vomited in a car, was based on Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh explained Judge had developed an alcohol addiction that almost killed him. The book, said Kavanaugh, was his way of "coming to grips with sobriety." "So you don't know whether that's you or not?" Leahy asked.

He responded with a puzzling non sequitur: "We can sit here, and you, like, make fun of some guy who has an addiction."

When it came time for Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar to ask questions, Kavanaugh, who at first expressed his greatest respect, gave her the same treatment.

"Drinking is one thing," Klobuchar said, "but the concern is about truthfulness, and in your written testimony, you said some times you had too many drinks. Was there ever a time when you drank so much that you couldn't remember what happened, or part of what happened the night before?"

Kavanaugh: "No. I remember what happened, and I think you've probably had beers, Senator, and so..."

Klobuchar: "So you're saying there's never been a case where you drank so much that you didn't remember what happened the night before, or part of what happened?"

Kavanaugh: "You're asking about, you know, blackout. I don't know. Have you?" Klobuchar: "Could you answer the question, Judge? That's not happened. Is that your answer?"

Kavanaugh: "Yeah, and I'm curious if you have."

You can try to turn the tables, Judge Kavanaugh, but it's not the senators' drinking that's at issue. It's yours.

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Friends in high places shouldn't be enough

By COLBERT I. KING
The Washington Post

This time, Bill Cosby messed with the wrong woman. Now he's living out his days in service of a three-to-10-year prison sentence for sexual assault in the State Correctional Institution at Phoenix in Collegeville, Pa.

Cosby, 81, should have figured out that he was up against when, the day before his case went to the jury in June, he was caught chucking and smirking at the defense table. Assistant District Attorney Kristine Gibbons Feden, a 35-year-old black graduate of Temple Law School and an expert in sex crimes, was having none of it.

Feden exploded, reported Washington Post reporter Manuel Roig-Franzia, who was in the courtroom.

"He's laughing in my face. It's funny!" Feden said in a booming voice, stalking toward the comic legend and extending a long, slender, accusatory forefinger. "But there's absolutely nothing funny about stripping a woman of her capacity to consent."

"Cosby started right back, unblinking, a smile etched on his face. He kept laughing ... his demeanor belittling Feden's argument that he'd engaged in a decades-long pattern of drugging and sexual assault."

Feden later told The New York Times, "I'm a very loud person, and I don't like seeing people get picked on."

The jury found that Cosby had picked on and sexually assaulted former Temple

University employee Andrea Constand in 2004. It convicted him of three counts of aggravated indecent assault. Six women, including Constand, testified in the trial that Cosby had drugged and sexually assaulted them. It fell to Feden to take Cosby, the sedator, down ... in the hard way.

Feden was the special prosecutor in Cosby's retrial. She drafted the pretrial motions, gave the opening statements and questioned key witnesses. She secured that guilty verdict.

Cosby's publicist Andrew Wyatt, standing outside the courtroom after the sentence, compared the disgraced comedian to Jesus Christ and decried the sexual assault trial as "the most racist and sexist" in history, Huffington Post reported.

The contrast between Cosby and Christ is the difference between deviant sexual idolatry and love and human decency. As for racism and sexism, Wyatt's best shot was too weak to stand. Not only was it a black prosecutor who pressed charges against Cosby, black women were among Cosby's accusers.

And it was Harry Hairston, a black investigator with roots from NBC10 in Philadelphia, who went on broadcaster Joe Madison's radio show in November 2014 and discussed how he first broke the story of women's accusations of sexual assault against Cosby.

Wyatt should dismount from that creaky hobby horse.

There is, however, a Cosby-like story

playing out in Washington: the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Kavanaugh and Cosby have little in common. One is white, the other black; they come from different family, social and economic backgrounds. They rose to the top of their professions, though their career pursuits were poles apart. Kavanaugh's and Cosby's social and political circles most likely never crossed.

The final outcome of the nomination of Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court remains unknown. As is known, however, what brings to his exhumation is Cosby's — sexual assault allegations. Cosby has fallen from grace. Kavanaugh, on the strength of the powerful testimony of Christine Blasey Ford and two other accusations of sexual misconduct, stands on the precipice — his pretensions and strong denials of any impropriety notwithstanding.

Kavanaugh's case deserves an independent and impartial investigation of the charges, as was afforded to Cosby. That, of course, didn't work out too well for Cosby.

A thorough investigation of Kavanaugh must bring to his exhumation or incineration by the facts. He should not become a Supreme Court justice because he has friends in high places. The Supreme Court, on higher ground, deserves the nation's best.

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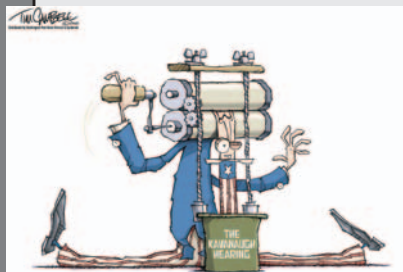
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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

67 activists arrested at protest on chicken farm

CA PETALUMA — Sheriff's officials said 67 animal welfare activists were arrested during an organized protest at a Northern California poultry farm.

The protesters, part of the group Direct Action Everywhere, said they were demonstrating Saturday against what they characterized as inhumane conditions at McCoy's Poultry Services near Petaluma. The activists allege they documented mass confinement of chickens in filthy industrial sheds at the site.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office said the owner and an employee of the company were assaulted by a protester.

Pumpkin pageant to allow boys to compete

VT RUTLAND — A long-running pumpkin contest in Vermont has announced it is allowing boys to compete for the first time.

The Rutland Herald reported that Rutland County's annual Pumpkin Princess Pageant will now be known as the Pumpkin Royalty Contest.

Event organizer Nikki Adams said they wanted to add the male aspect because "gender doesn't matter when it comes to being a good person."

Participating high schools will nominate their candidate for prince and princess among their junior and senior classes. The elected couple from each school will then apply to enter the contest by listing community projects they have participated in and future career goals.

Police: Toddler crushed by 80-pound television

CT STAMFORD — Authorities said the death of a Connecticut toddler who was crushed by an 80-pound television was an accident.

Police said Saturday the medical examiner determined that the 22-month-old Stamford boy died of blunt force trauma, and the manner of death was ruled to be accidental.

The old-style cathode-ray tube television fell on the boy at his home.

Sgt. Joseph Kennedy told the Stamford Advocate the TV was atop a "rickety" bureau, and the child may have been climbing up the drawers at the time.

Repairman shoots, kills monkey on the attack

NC SHALLOTTE — Police in a coastal North Carolina town said a repairman won the chances after he fatally shot a pet monkey that escaped and attacked a woman.

A Shallotte police detective told The Charlotte Observer on Friday that the snow monkey escaped a backyard cage and "went bananas," biting the woman and scratching her arms and legs.

Police said the monkey then ran across the street and banged

THE CENSUS

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The approximate number of pet pigs collected from a Florida property where officials said the animals were being hoarded. The Tallahassee Democrat reported that some of the pigs escaped into the woods surrounding the Monticello property. Animal Allies of Florida's Avian Mini Pigs stepped in to rescue the animals after their owner reached out for help on social media. Coordinator Christal Elard said the pigs ranged from 10 inches to 30 inches tall. She said the pigs are mostly healthy, although some are thin from malnourishment. Elard said the pigs' owner is "a person with the best intentions," but pigs are very fertile and the situation quickly grew out of control.



KELLEY SMITH, THE (MICHIGAN CITY, IND.) NEWS DISPATCH/AP

Charity car wash

Members of the Michigan City (Ind.) Fire Department on Friday take a unique approach to rinsing hard-to-reach places at the Unified Car Wash. The city's police and fire departments and Michigan City Area Schools partner each year to raise funds for the United Way of La Porte County.

on a neighbor's glass door. The repairman approached the animal, which then ran toward him. Detective Sgt. John Holman said the repairman killed it with one shot from his small handgun.

Suspect holes up inside motel, flees via attic

VA ALEXANDRIA — Police in northern Virginia are searching for a suspect who they say initially barricaded himself inside a motel room but then fled the building by going through the ceiling and into the attic and fleeing the building.

Fairfax County police said in a news release that officers arrived at the motel in the Alexandria area Saturday to serve an arrest warrant.

Police said the suspect, Alton Thodos, 32, "made threats against himself."

Thodos is wanted on warrants for grand larceny, credit card theft, credit card fraud and a probation violation.

Iguana on power line knocks out electricity

FL LAUDERDALE LAKES — An iguana wandered onto a power line and knocked out electricity to a Florida nursing home, sending 20 patients to the hospital.

Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue spokesman Michael Kane said the iguana was electrocuted and set off a fire on the power pole, which knocked out electricity to The Palms Care Center in Lauderdale Lakes on Friday afternoon.

Kane told the South Florida Sun Sentinel the facility was running on generator power but only half of it was being cooled effectively.

Affected residents were moved to parts of the facility where cooling units were working.

Police: Suspect stole SUV after jail release

OH FAIRVIEW PARK — Authorities said a

man who'd left jail after being released on bond for possessing a stolen vehicle walked about 1,000 feet before robbing a woman of her SUV outside Cleveland.

Fairview Park police said they are searching for Sean Vanderlin, 32, of Cleveland.

Police allege Vanderlin on Thursday afternoon pulled out a utility knife and after a brief struggle drove off in the woman's SUV. She wasn't injured. The SUV was found Friday morning.

Man in stable condition after attack by 4 dogs

KS ARKANSAS CITY — A 70-year-old Arkansas City man is hospitalized after he was attacked by four dogs in his backyard.

Arkansas City police said in a news release that officers were called to the home Thursday night. Police Chief Daniel Ward said witnesses reported finding four dogs on top of the man. The dogs belong to the man and others who live in

the home.

The man was flown to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was listed in stable condition on Friday. The mixed-breed dogs were taken to the Cowley County Humane Society for a 10-day observation period.

Man dies in fall during camping trip

NH FRANCONIA — Authorities in New Hampshire said a Connecticut man was killed when he fell down a waterfall.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department said Zachariah Peterson, 23, of Jewett City, Connecticut, was killed Saturday night. Authorities said Peterson and a friend were camping near a waterfall on Cannon Mountain when Peterson slipped and fell about 250 feet around 11:15 p.m.

Emergency personnel responded to the area but Peterson died of his injuries.

From wire reports



FACES

America's funniest host

Alfonso Ribeiro shines on 'AFV' in unscripted moments

BY RICK BENTLEY
Tribune News Service

Most of each episode of the "America's Funniest Home Videos" is scripted for host Alfonso Ribeiro. That includes the clever introductions to the video clips sent in by viewers in hopes of winning \$10,000 and the commentary Ribeiro delivers during and after each funny on-screen moment.

New scripted moments can be seen starting Sunday when the 19th season of "America's Funniest Home Videos" launches statewide. (The show airs Sundays on AFN-Family.)

One thing not written ahead of time for the 47-year-old host is the final interview Ribeiro does with the family whose home video has been deemed funnier than the two other contenders by a vote of the studio audience. Adults are just happy they have a thicker wallet. Where Ribeiro earns his money is in the impromptu chats with the younger members of a family. Often, the children are too young to even understand what has just happened.

Ribeiro has been dealing with those moments since taking over the hosting duties in 2015 after Tom Bergeron ended a 13-year stint hosting the show. To make the interview with the winning family come across as honest and unscripted as possible, Ribeiro never meets any of the finalists ahead of time. The only information he is given is a little history of the three videos.

His approach to dealing with the interview is to just be himself.

"For me, it's just doing my natural thing," Ribeiro says. "I love to connect with people. I love to talk to people. I love to make people feel warm. I always feel

like when we have an opportunity to make someone feel special and make someone feel at home and comfortable, that's what I want.

"When I'm on TV, my first thought always is that I want people to smile. I want people to have fun, be relaxed and enjoy themselves."

Ribeiro was making people smile long before he took on the "America's Funniest Home Videos" hosting duties. The New York native has been working as an actor, TV director, award-winning dancer and Broadway star for more than 30 years.

He began his career as a child actor, most notably playing the lead role in the Tony Award-winning musical "The Tap Dance Kid." His leap to TV came when Ribeiro was cast opposite Ricky Schroder in the long-running NBC sitcom "Silver Spoons." But it was his 1990 NBC series, "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," that gave him the most fame. The same year "Bel-Air" launched, ABC debuted "America's Funniest Home Videos" with Bob Saget as the host.

"America's Funniest Home Videos" is the longest-running prime-time entertainment show in the history of ABC. Each week, thousands of user-submitted home videos are evaluated to put together the show. Each week, three are singled out and the families attended the taping.

Before the finalists are announced, Ribeiro has been able to predict the winner 70-80 percent of the time. Don't worry if that percentage is far larger than your ratio of predictions. Ribeiro explains he has an advantage over the viewer in that he can watch the reaction of the studio audience when the clips are being played.

"If I see they are laughing at this kind of video or that kind of video then I know that will give a similar video an upper hand," Ribeiro says.



Alfonso Ribeiro says his approach to the brief unscripted interviews of the "America's Funniest Home Videos" finalists is to just be himself.

ABC photos

Cher admits wanting Kennedy honor during Obama years

The phone call telling Cher she was a Kennedy Center honoree was certainly welcome — but she admits she wanted to get it earlier.

The Grammy, Emmy and Oscar winner, whose ABBA tribute album "Dancing Queen" was just released, acknowledged she'd long hoped for that. She said she "wanted to get it so badly" during the Obama administration.

Now she will, at age 72, during the Donald Trump administration, which might make for an awkward gathering. A regular at anti-Trump rallies and marches, Cher ranks among the most outspoken celebrities against the U.S. president. The White House said no decisions had been made on whether Trump would participate in this year's Kennedy Center Honors program.

The Kennedy Center prize is given to those in the performing arts for lifetime contributions to American culture. This year's other recipients are composer and pianist Philip Glass, country music entertainer Reba McEntire and jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter. The co-creators of the Tony-winning musical "Hamilton" will receive a special award as trailblazing creators of a transformative work that defies category.

Cher missed out on the first wave of ABBA mania, which began to sweep most of the rest of the planet with the Swedish quartet's 1974 Eurovision Song Contest win with "Waterloo" and was confirmed by the successes of "SOS" and "Mamma Mia" a year later.

"I was most Americans," Cher commented. "I knew 'Waterloo,' 'Dancing Queen' and 'Mamma Mia.' And that's pretty much it. And then I became a fan with 'Mamma Mia!'" she continued, referring to the 1994 Australian dark comedy that played a key role in reviving interest in ABBA recordings.

Cher appeared in the movie sequel "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again," and she met lyricist Björn Ulvæus and composer Benny Andersson from ABBA.

Recording the album of covers gave Cher greater ABBA insight. "I was a little cranky with Björn



TNS

Cher, pictured in 2015, is a 2018 Kennedy Center prize recipient and has just released an ABBA tribute album called "Dancing Queen."

because of the way he writes, and then I realized he writes this way because he doesn't write in English. So, he tells the story in a more interesting way. He has to get to the story.

"And I didn't realize how intricate the music was," she continued. "I thought, 'Whoa! Benny has really got some stuff going on there: all these lines, and riff over riff over riff.' And so I had more respect for them."

It's a busy period for Cher, whose latest world tour began Sept. 21 and runs through May, ending in Minneapolis. She's co-producer of a jukebox musical about her life, "The Cher Show," with previews set to begin Nov. 1 in Broadway. And the Kennedy Center Honors will be taped Dec. 2 in Washington, D.C.

From The Associated Press

'Night School' the rare comedy to reach No. 1

Associated Press

For the first time in more than two years, a straight-up comedy is No. 1 at the box office.

Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish's "Night School" debuted with \$28 million in ticket sales, according to estimates Sunday.

The animated release "Smallfoot" was second with \$23 million.

Not since Melissa McCarthy's "The Boss" topped the box office in April 2016 has a comedy that didn't mix other genre elements been No. 1.

The fantasy "The House with a Clock in Its Walls" earned \$12.5 million in its second weekend to finish third.

The Halloween-themed "Hell Fest" debuted in meekly in sixth place with \$5.1 million.

New 'Stairway to Heaven' copyright lawsuit ordered

A U.S. appeals court on Sept. 27 ordered a new trial in a lawsuit accusing Led Zeppelin of copying an obscure 1960s instrumental for the intro to its classic 1971 rock anthem "Stairway to Heaven."

A federal court jury in Los Angeles two years ago found Led Zeppelin did not steal the famous riff from the song "Taurus" by the band Spirit.

But a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

in San Francisco ruled unanimously that the lower court judge provided erroneous jury instructions that misled jurors about copyright law central to the suit.

Other news

■ Director Isaki Lacuesta's film "Between Two Waters" has won the top prize at the San Sebastian International Film Festival, the biggest film festival for Spanish-language films.

■ It appears that Gwyneth Paltrow married "Glee" co-creator Brad Falchuk over the weekend. The actress posted a photo on Instagram of two hands wearing matching wedding bands, appearing to confirm reports of a wedding.

■ Bravo has suspended "The Real Housewives of Potomac" star Michael Darby after he was charged with groping a cameraman.

■ Marty Balin, a patron of the 1960s "San Francisco Sound" both as founder and lead singer of the Jefferson Airplane and co-owner of the club where the Airplane and other bands performed, died Sept. 26. He was 76.

■ Legendary Chicago blues guitarist Otis Rush, whose passionate, fang-tinged music influenced artists from Carlos Santana and Eric Clapton to the rock band Led Zeppelin, died Sept. 28 at age 84, his longtime manager said.

SHIFTING GEARS



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Not a baby Escalade, but the XT4 is impressive

By LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

For years, General Motors has turned its back on Cadillac's heritage in an effort to emulate its German competition.

It hasn't worked out so well as consumers have ignored the German-emulating CT5 or ATS sedans in favor of Cadillac's most traditional four-door, the XTS. Similarly, it's the Escalade SUV that yields Cadillac's highest transaction price, and no wonder. It's as close as you can get to a traditional Cadillac of yore: extravagantly big, bold, comfortable, powerful and unapologetic.

Given its success, you'd expect Escalade's essence to filter down to the brand's other trucks. Instead, the midsize XT5 crossover bears little resemblance to its larger sibling, yet it outsells it nearly 2-to-1.

That explains why Cadillac's first luxury compact crossover, the 2019 XT4, owes more to the XTS's understated suburban chic than the Escalade's luxurious bravado. It's an initial salvo in a stream of new Cadillacs being launched over the next two years in an effort to restore the brand's luxury luster.

Filling a gaping hole in the lineup, the 2019 Cadillac XT4 follows the premium compact crossover template, yet it's distinctively a Cadillac, wearing the brand's new grille and accented by vertical LED lighting and sharp body lines. It makes itself seen, if a bit more quietly than its larger sibling.

Power comes from a 2.0-liter turbocharged double-overhead-cam four-cylinder engine mated to a nine-speed automatic transmission with automatic stop/start. Cadillac says the new engine is 15 pounds

lighter than the existing power plant of the same displacement and uses new technologies that makes it up to 15 percent more efficient. Part of the credit goes to the automatic stop/start, which unlike those of too many German competitors, is blessedly unobtrusive and quick.

Rated at 237 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque, the engine produces its peak torque at just 1,500 rpm, so it feels willingly quick off the line and easily pumps out the power. Turbo lag is nonexistent and engine noise is well-suppressed. The transmission proves responsive, quickly and unobtrusively snapping off the shifts.

2019 Cadillac XT4



Vehicle type: Crossover SUV
Base prices: \$35,790-\$42,790
Powertrain: Turbocharged DOHC 2.0-liter four-cylinder
Power/torque: 237 horsepower/258 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy rating: 24 mpg city/30 highway (FWD); 22/29 (AWD)
Cargo capacity: 22.5-48.9 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 3,500 pounds

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That said, when shifting manually, particularly with the paddle shifters, the transmission seems a bit slower to respond.

Initially, the XT4 will be offered in base Luxury trim, starting at \$35,790. From there, buyers can choose either the Premium Luxury or the Sport, both of which start at \$40,290. But the Sport does offer adaptive dampers and a livelier suspension, with other differences being mainly cosmetic.

Desirable options include forward automatic braking/reverse automatic braking/adaptive cruise control, which make up the \$1,100 Driver Assistance Package, although you must also order the \$770 Driver Awareness Package. That adds forward automatic braking, forward collision alert, lane keep assist, lane departure warning and automatic headlights.

There's also an \$850 Cold Weather Package with front and rear heated seats (which Cadillac patented in 1955 and first offered 10 years later) and a heated steering wheel.

The test models were equipped with on-demand four-wheel drive, a \$2,500 option, which reverts to front-wheel drive when not needed in the name of fuel economy. Front-wheel drive is standard.

Handling is impressively nimble, with quick, accurate light steering that doesn't feel like a video game. Maneuvering around downtown Seattle was stress-free. Body lean is well-controlled but noticeable, with impressive grip that lent drivers a feeling of confidence and comfort.

Bump absorption is impressive, without undue body motions on rebound. And despite the difference in names, there seemed to be minimal differences in driving feel between the Sport and Premium Luxury models. However, highway and tire noise

are surprisingly prevalent, but not enough to drown out conversation. That this is an issue in a Cadillac is unexpected.

Front seat occupants enjoy substantial space, with supportive and comfortable seats. In the rear, passengers will appreciate more legroom than in just about any competitor in the segment, although headroom is average. Cargo room seems ample.

The XT4's horizontally-oriented instrument panel is anchored by an 8-inch screen that's controlled by touchscreen or a knob on the center console. It houses an improved version of Cadillac's Cue infotainment system that's Apple CarPlay- and Android Auto-compatible and far better than previous versions. It was a pleasure to use.

Less pleasurable was the feature that transforms the rear-view mirror into a rear-view monitor. It induces vertigo, not to mention motion sickness. Thankfully, it can be turned off.

The overall interior trim seems upscale, but not luxurious, especially when the XT4 is trimmed entirely in black, although that is common to this class of vehicle. The two-tone interiors livened the proceedings and felt richer.

The XT4 is unquestionably good, with impressive excellent engineering offset by an interior that's merely competitive and styling that seems timid. That should change somewhat when the new Platinum and V-Sport models arrive at a later date.

The 2019 Cadillac XT4 merits consideration, even from those who until now would never consider a Cadillac. It's far better than the competition from Lincoln and others.

But it should be a baby Escalade — and it's not.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Canada enters revamped NAFTA trade deal

By ROB GILLIES
AND PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada entered into a revamped North American free trade deal with the United States and Mexico late Sunday after weeks of bitter, high-pressure negotiations that brushed up against a midnight deadline.

In a joint statement, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland said the agreement "will strengthen the middle class and create good, well-paying jobs and new opportunities for the nearly half-billion people who call North America home."

The new deal, reached just before a midnight deadline imposed by the U.S., will be called the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA. It replaces the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, which President Donald Trump had called a job-killing disaster.

The agreement reached Sunday gives U.S. farmers greater access to the Canadian dairy market. But it keeps a NAFTA dispute-resolution process that the U.S. wanted to jettison and offers Canada protection if Trump goes ahead with plans to impose tariffs on cars, trucks and auto parts imported into the United States.

"It's a good day for Canada," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said as he left his office. Trudeau said he would have more to say Monday.

"We celebrate a trilateral deal. The door closes on trade fragmentation in the region," Jesus Seade, trade negotiator for Mexico's incoming president, said via Twitter.

Representatives for the govern-



JUSTIN TRUDEAU, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau leaves the Office of the Prime Minister and Privy Council after an agreement was reached in the NAFTA negotiations in Ottawa, Ontario, on Sunday.

'We celebrate a trilateral deal. The door closes on trade fragmentation in the region.'

Jesus Seade

trade negotiator for Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

ment of Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador called a Monday press conference to discuss details of the trade deal.

Canada, the United States' No. 2

trading partner, was left out when the U.S. and Mexico reached an agreement last month to revamp the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Trump administration of-

ficially notified Congress of the U.S.-Mexico trade agreement on Aug. 31. That started a 90-day clock that would let outgoing Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto sign the new pact before he leaves office Dec. 1.

Trump threatened to go ahead with a revamped NAFTA with or without Canada. It was unclear, however, whether Trump had authority from Congress to pursue a revamped NAFTA with only Mexico.

Some lawmakers immediately expressed relief that Canada had been reinstated in the regional trading bloc.

"I am pleased that the Trump administration was able to strike a deal to modernize NAFTA with both Mexico and Canada," said Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "NAFTA is a proven success."

NAFTA tore down most trade barriers between the United States, Canada and Mexico, leading to a surge in trade between the three countries. But Trump and other critics said it encouraged manufacturers to move south of the border to take advantage of low Mexican wages, costing American jobs.

Trump campaigned on a promise to rewrite NAFTA — or get rid of it. Talks on a rewrite began more than a year ago. To placate Trump, Mexico agreed in August to provisions that would require 40 to 45 percent of a car be built in countries where autoworkers earn at least \$16 an hour to qualify for NAFTA's duty-free benefits.

It was surprising that the United States found it easier to cut a deal with Mexico than with Canada, a longtime ally with a high-wage economy similar to America's.

"When this got started, Canada was the teacher's pet and Mexico was the problem child," said

Michael Camunee, president of Monarch Global Strategies and a former U.S. Commerce Department official.

But relations between Ottawa and Washington soured. In the aftermath of a disastrous G-7 summit in Quebec in June, Trump called Trudeau "weak" and "dishonest."

The two countries need each other economically. Canada is by far the No. 1 destination for U.S. exports, and the U.S. market accounts for 75 percent of what Canada sells abroad.

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
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| Euro costs (Oct. 2) | \$1.1916 |
| Dollar buys (Oct. 2) | €0.8392 |
| British pound (Oct. 2) | \$1.34 |
| Japanese yen (Oct. 2) | ¥111.00 |
| South Korean won (Oct. 2) | ₩1,083.00 |
| Commercial rates | |
| Bahrain (Bart) | 0.3770 |
| British pound | \$1.3073 |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.2818 |
| China Yuan | 6.8835 |
| Denmark (Krone) | 6.4258 |
| Egypt (Pound) | 17.9009 |
| Euro | \$1.1604/0.8618 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.8272 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 278.28 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.6389 |
| Japan (Yen) | 113.96 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 3.3033 |
| Norway (Krone) | 8.1465 |
| Philippines (Peso) | 54.09 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.69 |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7509 |
| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.3712 |
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| Switzerland | 0.9835 |
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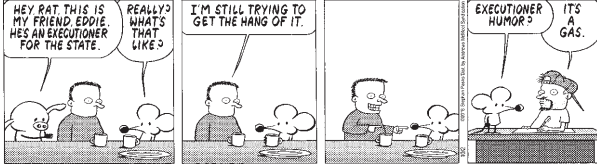
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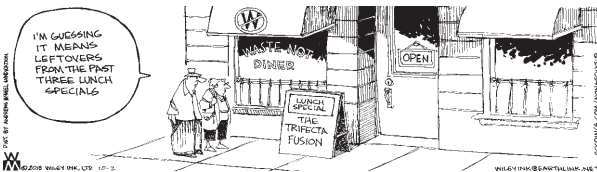
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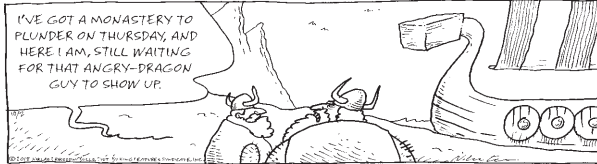
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- Famed Patriots quarterback
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- Reply (Abbr.)
- Comic Philips
- Caravan stops
- Big-screen buys
- Somewhat (Suff.)
- Long rides?
- Town centers
- Utah city
- Uno + uno
- Stir-fry pans
- Distorted, as a message

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- Epsilon follower
- Carolina college
- Charitable gift
- Science room
- Baby carriages
- Commotion
- Whatever
- Hatchet-like weapons
- Historic times
- Farm unit
- "Phooey!"
- Guns the engine
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- Marseilles monarch
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- Snake's warning
- Morning moisture
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SPORTS BRIEFS/AUTO RACING

Briefly

US women capture third straight World Cup title

Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LA LAGUNA, Spain — Brittney Griner scored 15 points to help the United States beat Australia 73-56 and win the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup on Sunday.

It was the third consecutive World Cup title for the U.S., something the country had never accomplished in its illustrious history. The victory gave the U.S. 10 World Cup gold medals and was the 22nd win in a row overall for the Americans dating back to the bronze medal game in 2006. That was the same year that Australia won its only World Cup title. The Americans lost to Russia in the semifinals and haven't lost since in the World Cup or Olympics.

Diana Taurasi, who scored 13 points, helped the U.S. get off to a strong start with a 10-0 lead. Australia could only get within three the rest of the way. It was the first time in the tournament that the U.S. didn't trail in a game. As the final seconds wound down, Taurasi hugged all her teammates and coaches on the bench.

The victory gave Sue Bird a fourth World Cup gold medal and fifth medal overall in the tournament. Both are the most for any player. It also made Dawn Staley the first person ever to win a World Cup title as a player, assistant and head coach.

Djokovic credits hike for career turnaround

BELGRADE, Serbia — Novak Djokovic put his career back on track this year, and he credits a mind-cleansing hiking trip with his wife after the French Open with the extraordinary turnaround.

The Serbian tennis great went from winning all four Grand Slam tournaments in a row in 2015-16 to a two-year drought of major titles while bothered by an elbow injury. That all changed at Wimbledon in July, when the 31-year-old Djokovic won his fourth

title at the All England Club. He followed that with a third U.S. Open championship, bringing his total to 14 majors.

"After the trip in nature, everything came together," Djokovic said Monday after a training session in Belgrade. "The finals in Queens, the titles at Wimbledon, Cincinnati and the U.S. Open. ... In May, who would have thought I would be in this position."

Blues acquire Jerabek from Oilers for pick

ST. LOUIS — The Blues have acquired defenseman Jakob Jerabek from the Edmonton Oilers for a conditional 2020 sixth-round pick.

The pick becomes a fifth-round pick in 2020 if Jerabek appears in 50 or more regular-season games for St. Louis this season. General manager Doug Armstrong announced the trade Monday on the eve of the deadline for NHL teams to set their opening night rosters.

The 27-year-old Jerabek won the Stanley Cup with the Capitals last season after playing in 11 regular-season and two playoff games for Washington. He was not expected to make the Oilers' roster.

In other NHL news:

■ Washington Capitals right winger Tom Wilson could face a suspension of six or more games for a blindside hit to the head of St. Louis Blues center Oskar Sundkvist during a preseason game on Sunday.

The NHL's Department of Player Safety announced in a tweet Sunday night that it has offered Wilson an in-person hearing for the infraction, which earned him a 10-minute penalty during the game. That means the league is considering a suspension of six-plus games.

Blues coach Mike Yeo said Sundkvist is "not good" and called the hit "predatory."

"I'd be surprised if he didn't miss a decent amount of time," Yeo said of Sundkvist.



GREGORY BULL/AP

LeBron James made his Lakers debut on Sunday in Los Angeles' exhibition opener. He finished with nine points, three rebounds and four assists in just more than 15 minutes.



MIKE MCCANN/AP

Martin Truex Jr. (78) is hit by Jimmie Johnson on the last lap of Sunday's NASCAR Cup series race at Concord, N.C. The crash cost Truex Jr. the win — and Johnson a spot in the playoffs.

Johnson commits costly blunder

Blaney gets win after seven-time champ's 'mistake' wrecks Truex Jr.

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson stood outside of his banded No. 48 Chevrolet still in disbelief over the blunder he'd made on the final lap Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway that cost him a shot at advancing in the playoffs.

"Shell-shocked," said the seven-time Cup champion.

Johnson had all but secured a spot in the round of 12 with a strong showing through 108 laps. Sitting in second place, all he had to do was follow race leader Martin Truex Jr. to the finish line.

Instead, Johnson made the split-second decision to go for the win, attempting a pass Truex Jr. with two turns remaining on the new "roval" track. Johnson tried to go inside, but instead ran into Truex, causing a crash that cost Truex the win and knocked himself out of the playoffs. Ryan Blaney passed both drivers for the win.

"I wish I go could go back in time and let off the breaks a little bit back there and not take that opportunity, because the championship is what we are here for," Johnson said. "To fight all year and be that close to transfer..."

When asked if he'd make the same decision again, Johnson said, "If I know the outcome was going to be that? No. I want to stay alive in the championship points. But I really felt like I could pull that pass off."

Johnson later apologized to Truex's team and his fan base on Twitter, saying "everyone makes mistakes."

Truex deliberately spun out Johnson's car after the race and was still irritated at him when he spoke

about the attempted pass.

"He just over-drove it and was never going to make it and used me as brakes and turned us both around," Truex said. "It (stinks), we could have raced side-by-side off the last corner for a win and that would have been cool. The fans would have been digging it, but instead we finished 14th and he's locked out of the playoffs. I guess that's what he gets."

Now he will have to finish out the rest of the season contemplating what he called a "mistake."

Johnson didn't hide the fact that he wanted to end a frustrating career-long 58-race winless streak.

"I was going for the win — that is what I am here for," Johnson said. "If I didn't think I was better than him in that area, I would not have taken that chance at executing that pass. When he left the inside lane open that is the preferred line and I felt like I had a real shot."

Before he made the decision to pass, Johnson said he never thought about the chance of missing out on the playoffs, feeling he was safely in.

"I thought we had a big enough cushion in points," Johnson said. "I thought we were still fine. I thought I was going to be OK."

Instead, Johnson finished in a three-way tie with Kyle Larson and Aric Almirola for the 12th and final spot in the standings.

He failed to advance on a tie-breaker.

"It's a bummer and it is not what we want by any stretch," Johnson said.

Blaney said of Johnson's decision, "you make decisions every second behind a race car. And sometimes to will to win is just too high to sit there and finish second."

Charlotte Motor Speedway President Marcus Smith said the race lived up to the hype.

"What happened is not what I imagined or hoped for but it was incredibly exciting," Smith said of the dramatic finish. "The roar from the fans is the moment I know everybody would remember for this moment for a long time."



Blaney

MLB

LA pounds Giants to play tiebreaker

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Los Angeles Dodgers want no part of a wild-card game or the long flight that would come with it.

The plan: another NL West crown.

Max Muncy and his free-swinging Dodgers mates are headed for a one-game showdown against Colorado to determine the division winner back home, jumping on the San Francisco Giants from the start Sunday in a 15-0 win for a weekend sweep.

The Rockies routed Washington 12-0 at Coors Field, setting up a tiebreaker at Dodger Stadium on Monday that the home team has every intention of taking. The winner gets the division and hosts Atlanta in the best-of-five Division Series starting Thursday; the loser is on the road for the NL wild-card game Tuesday against the loser of Monday's Brewers-Cubs NL Central tiebreaker.

"We'd rather win the division than be the wild card," Matt Kemp said. "We're going to play it like any game we've been playing this last month. We've been playing each game like a playoff game. We've got to keep it going. I don't think we want to go to the East Coast to play a one-game playoff, we'd rather have a series to play and play that series."

Rich Hill (11-5) pitched two-hit ball for seven innings to keep the playoff-bound Dodgers on a roll. The lefty found out when he woke up just before 8 a.m. Sunday he would start, having gone to bed early for him to ensure enough sleep for the possibility he would be pitching.

"The biggest thing is that everybody continues to go up there and do that effort, no matter what the situation is," Hill said.

Manny Machado, Kemp and Muncy all joined the hit parade as Los Angeles left nothing to chance in Game No. 162. Kemp had a two-run double and RBI single among his three hits, while Muncy and Brian Dozier each hit two-run homers.

Los Angeles followed up an 18-

hit performance Saturday with 16 more to finish with 43 in the three-game series.

Now, on to game No. 163.

"It's a game where obviously it's not do-or-die, but I think that is a must-win game," manager Dave Roberts said. "To win the game and get a couple days off, to host the division series is very important."

Chris Taylor drew a walk from Andrew Suarez (7-13) to get the Dodgers going Sunday. Justin Turner followed with an RBI double and the rout was on. Dozier's drive and a two-run double by Kemp highlighted a seven-run third inning.

The Dodgers clinched baseball's final playoff berth by beating the Giants 10-6 on Saturday and celebrated with champagne in the visiting clubhouse — then all attention turned to winning another division title.

So Roberts switched from Buehler to Hill (11-5), who delivered. He completed a 5-0 September and won for the sixth time in seven outings beginning Aug. 24. The lefty retired the first 10 batters in order before Joe Panik's single in the fourth.

Hill's curveball has been clicking in recent weeks since he tweaked his delivery with a grip adjustment.

"In recent memory, this is as good as I've seen him throw the baseball," Roberts said. "... He understood how important this game was."

The Dodgers fell out of the division lead with a loss Wednesday at Arizona before taking all three from the injury-plagued Giants (73-89) to close out the regular season. A sixth straight division title by the Dodgers would be the third-longest streak since divisions started in 1969 behind Atlanta's 14 consecutive from 1991-2005 and nine in a row by the Yankees from 1998-2006.

San Francisco went a majors-worst 5-21 in September but improved on its last-place 2017 finish of 64-98 by nine wins.

"No question that's the last way we wanted this thing to go out," manager Bruce Bochy said.



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

The Red Sox's Mookie Betts, center, celebrates with teammates Sunday after defeating the Yankees in the final game of the regular season in Boston. Betts won this year's American League batting title at .346, and with 32 homers and 30 stolen bases became the first player to lead either league in batting as part of a 30-30 season.

Roundup

Cubs force one more game

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The crowd of 39,275 roared when Jason Heyward caught Francisco Pena's fly ball for the final out on a wet, cool afternoon at Wrigley Field.

Now, everything gets real crazy.

Anthony Rizzo had four hits and scored three times, and the Chicago Cubs set up a tiebreaker game for the NL Central title by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 10-5 on Sunday.

"We know what's at stake. Obviously we needed to win today, by all means," Rizzo said, "and tomorrow is the same thing."

Shortly after Milwaukee completed an 11-0 victory over Detroit, Jorge De La Rosa worked a hitless ninth inning to move the Cubs back into a tie with the Brewers at 95-67. Yairo Munoz walked with two out, but Pena's harmless fly to right closed it out.

Chicago hosts Milwaukee on Monday afternoon. The winner at Wrigley gets a spot in the division series and home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs. The loser plays again Tuesday night, hosting the runner-up in the NL West in the wild-card game.

"It's interesting that baseball is such a perfect game in some ways that it takes 162 to not decide anything," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said.

St. Louis (88-74) was in contention heading into the final week of the season, but it was swept by Milwaukee before dropping two of three against Chicago. Catcher Yadier Molina, outfielder Marcell Ozuna and infielders Kolten Wong and Jedd Gyorko were held out of the finale due to nagging injuries.

St. Louis missed out on the playoffs for a third straight year

for the first time since it went 75-86 in 1999. It finished with a 41-28 record under Mike Shildt, who took over as manager after Mike Matheny was fired on July 14.

"Three straight years of coming up short," said first baseman Matt Carpenter, who finished with a career-high 36 homers. "We as an organization, as a total group, top to bottom, everybody in this clubhouse, all the staff, we have to find a way to get better, to compete if we want to play in October."

Brewers 11, Tigers 0: Triple Crown contender Christian Yelich and host Milwaukee advanced to an NL Central tiebreaker against Chicago with its seventh straight win.

Yelich went 0-for-2 with two walks and scored twice, ending his 10-game hitting streak. He is hitting .323 in his first season with Milwaukee, locking up the first batting title in Brewers' history.

Red Sox 10, Yankees 2: Mookie Betts claimed the big league batting title and J.D. Martinez hit his 43rd homer to lead AL East champion host Boston into the playoffs with its franchise-record 108th win.

Angels 5, Athletics 2: Mike Scioscia ended his 19-year run as Los Angeles manager with a win over playoff-bound Oakland when Taylor Ward hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the ninth inning. Scioscia, the longest-tenured manager in the major leagues, finished with a 1,650-1,428 record, including 80-82. He guided the franchise to its only World Series title in 2002.

Twins 5, White Sox 4: Joe Mauer received one more pitch as catcher, and host Minnesota likely said goodbye to the longtime face of its franchise during

an emotional win over Chicago.

Orioles 4, Astros 0: Host Baltimore ended a trying season with a salute to outfielder Adam Jones and a victory that could end up serving as a parting gift to manager Buck Showalter.

Mariners 3, Rangers 1: Roenis Elias allowed one hit in five innings, and host Seattle closed out the regular season with a win in what could be the final game of Adrian Beltré's career.

Pirates 6, Reds 5 (10): Pablo Reyes scored on Jackson Stephens' wild pitch in the top of the 10th inning, rallying Pittsburgh over host Cincinnati.

Mets 1, Marlins 0: Noah Syndergaard pitched his first major league shutout and host New York wrapped up a disappointing season.

Rays 9, Blue Jays 4: Ryan Yarbrough got his rookie-leading 16th win and host Tampa Bay turned another bullpen game into its 90th victory.

Indians 2, Royals 1: Carlos Carrasco and Trevor Bauer combined for a five-hitter, Francisco Lindor homered and scored twice, and Cleveland beat host Kansas City.

Phillies 3, Braves 1: Needing a win to have a shot at home field in the NL Division Series, Atlanta lost to host Philadelphia.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3 (10): Manuel Margot scored on a dropped third strike in the 10th inning to lift host San Diego past Arizona.

The Diamondbacks, a playoff team last year who led the NL West on the first day of every month this season, ran out of steam to finish in third place, nine games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers and Colorado Rockies.



JOHN HERTZ/AP

The Dodgers Brian Dozier hits a two-run homer against the Giants in the third inning Sunday in San Francisco. Los Angeles won 15-0.

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American Conference

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| Miami | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 82 | 58 |
| New England | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 96 | 84 |
| Buffalo | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 50 | 106 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 89 | 89 |
| Tennessee | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 75 | 73 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 68 | 56 |
| Houston | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 96 | 108 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 94 | 100 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 126 | 113 |
| Baltimore | 1 | 2 | 1 | .333 | 123 | 65 |
| Cleveland | 1 | 2 | 1 | .333 | 102 | 104 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 2 | 1 | .333 | 102 | 116 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 118 | 92 |
| Denver | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 61 | 70 |
| L.A. Chargers | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 111 | 120 |
| Oakland | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 97 | 123 |

National Conference

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| Dallas | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 67 | 77 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 62 | 81 |
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 73 | 95 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 137 | 121 |
| Carolina | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 71 | 60 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 112 | 139 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 116 | 122 |
| Chicago | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 111 | 65 |
| Green Bay | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 92 | 63 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 90 | 110 |
| Detroit | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 94 | 114 |
| L.A. Rams | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 140 | 67 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 85 | 81 |
| San Francisco | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 110 | 118 |
| Arizona | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 37 | 94 |

Thursday's games
L.A. Rams 38, Minnesota 31
Sunday's games
New England 38, Miami 7
Dallas 26, Detroit 24
Chicago 48, Tampa Bay 10
Green Bay 22, Buffalo 0
Jacksonville 31, N.Y. Jets 12
Cincinnati 37, Atlanta 26
Tennessee 26, Philadelphia 33, OT
Houston 37, Indianapolis 34, OT
Seattle 20, Arizona 17
New Orleans 33, N.Y. Giants 18
L.A. Chargers 23, San Francisco 27
Oakland 45, Cleveland 42, OT
Baltimore 26, Pittsburgh 14
Open: Washington, Carolina
Kansas City at Denver
Monday's games
Thursday, Oct. 4
Miami at Cincinnati
N.Y. Giants at Carolina
Denver at N.Y. Jets
Jacksonville at Kansas City
Green Bay at Detroit
Baltimore at Cleveland
Atlanta at Pittsburgh
Tennessee at Buffalo
Oakland at L.A. Chargers
Minnesota at Philadelphia
Arizona at San Francisco
L.A. Rams at Seattle
Dallas at Houston
Open: Tampa Bay, Chicago
Monday, Oct. 8
Washington at New Orleans

Packers' complete effort swamps Bills

GREEN BAY, Wis. — This is more like it for the Green Bay Packers.

The offense built a big lead as quarterback Aaron Rodgers gutted through another game with a brace on his injured left knee. The defense had seven sacks and pitched a shutout for the first time in eight seasons.

They put together their most complete game of the year in a win over the Buffalo Bills.

"I'll just definitely start off with the defense. I mean, the shutout is huge. It's what you're looking for," coach Mike McCarthy said.

And just the edge that the Packers (2-1-1) needed with Rodgers not necessarily playing at his best.

Bills rookie quarterback Josh Allen accounted for three turnovers, including two interceptions and a fumble late in the fourth quarter that stood on review.

Packers 22, Bills 0

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| GB—FG Crosby 36, 11:13. | | | | | |
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| GB—FG Crosby 52, 1:55. | | | | | |
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| First downs | 11 | 22 |
| Total Net Yards | 145 | 423 |
| Rushes-yards | 16-58 | 32-141 |
| Passing | 87-282 | 20-20 |
| Punt Returns | 1-(m) 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Kickoff Returns | 2-37 | 0-0 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 4-64 | 2-36 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 16-33-2 | 22-40-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 8-45.3 | 4-42.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 34-23 | 34-31 |
| Time of Possession | 25:23 | 34:37 |

RUSHING—Buffalo, McCoy 5-24, Allen 5-19, Ivory 6-15. **Green Bay,** A.Jones 11-55, Rodgers 5-31, J.Williams 11-27, Montgomery 5-18.

PASSING—Buffalo, Allen 16-33-2, 151. **Green Bay,** Rodgers 22-40-1, 298.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, Clay 4-40, Z.Jones 4-38, McCoy 3-13, Holmes 2-8, Benjamin 1-4, Croom 1-13. **Lee 1-5. Green Bay,** D.Adams 8-81, Allison 6-80, Graham 3-21, Montgomery 2-56, Valdes-Scantling 1-38, A.Jones 1-17, Kendrick 1-5.



JOHN ANNIS/AP

Bengals wide receiver A.J. Green celebrates his game-winning catch against the Falcons on Sunday in Atlanta. Green's touchdown with seven seconds left gave the Cincinnati Bengals a 37-36 victory.

Bengals don't flinch, top Falcons on late TD

ATLANTA — The Cincinnati Bengals had no reason to panic when they trailed the Atlanta Falcons by five points with about four minutes remaining.

That was plenty of time for Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton and his top targets, Tyler Boyd and A.J. Green.

"We didn't flinch," Dalton said. "We just kept going. That's what you need to be a really good team and to be a good offense."

Dalton completed four passes to Boyd, including two on fourth-down plays, as he moved the Bengals 75 yards on 16 plays. He saved the game's biggest pass for Green, who made a diving catch on a corner route in the right side of the end zone to cap the drive.

Bengals 37, Falcons 36

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|---|----|----|---|----|
| Cincinnati | 14 | 14 | 9 | 37 |
| Atlanta | 17 | 3 | 9 | 36 |
| First Quarter | | | | |
| Atl.—Smith 7 run (Bryant kick), 10:27. | | | | |
| Cin.—Eliert 15 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 7:23. | | | | |
| Cin.—Bernard 10 run (Bullock kick), 1:12. | | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | | |
| Atl.—Paulsen 17 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 11:03. | | | | |
| Cin.—Ross 39 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 8:11. | | | | |
| Atl.—Ridley 11 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 2:55. | | | | |
| Cin.—Bernard 1 run (Bullock kick), :44. | | | | |
| Atl.—FG Bryant 55, :00. | | | | |

| | Cin | Atl |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 407 | 495 |
| Total Net Yards | 239-99 | 24-92 |
| Rushes-yards | 308-403 | 24-92 |
| Passing | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns | 2-82 | 4-95 |
| Kickoff Returns | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 29-41-1 | 29-39-0 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 3-29 | 0-0 |
| Punts | 21-10 | 14-10 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-55 | 10-95 |
| Time of Possession | 30:28 | 29:22 |

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Bernard 15-69, Dalton 1-23, Walton 5-9, Erickson 1-8. **Atlanta,** Coleman 14-51, Smith 7-36, Ryan 2-5, Ridley 1-1.

PASSING—Cincinnati, Dalton 28-41-1, 337. **Atlanta,** Ryan 29-39-0, 419.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Boyd 11-100, Green 4-78, Eflert 4-38, Bernard 4-27, Ross 2-52, Walton 2-28, Erickson 1-8, Uzomah 1-6. **Atlanta,** Jones 9-173, Sanu 6-111, Ridley 4-64, Coleman 3-26, Smith 3-13, Hooper 1-19, Paulsen 1-17, Hardy 1-4, Hall 1-2.

Bears' offense does its part in romp over Buc

CHICAGO — For most of the season, it's been a solo act for Khalil Mack and the Chicago Bears' defense.

After quarterback Mitchell Trubisky's breakthrough game Sunday, the Bears' defense and offense seem to be in sync.

The defense made three interceptions and Mack continued pressuring the quarterback, while Trubisky threw for a career-high six touchdown passes in the Bears' victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"He came up and showed why he's the guy," Mack said about Trubisky, who completed 19 of 26 passes for 354 yards.

The Bears scored touchdowns on four straight first-half possessions.

Bears 48, Buccaneers 10

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|--|----|----|---|---|----|
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 10 |
| Chicago | 14 | 24 | 7 | 3 | 48 |
| First Quarter | | | | | |
| Chi—T.Burton 39 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 12:20. | | | | | |
| Chi—Robinson 14 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 2:11. | | | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | | | |
| TB—FG Catanzaro 30, 14:55. | | | | | |
| Chi—Cohen 9 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 12:21. | | | | | |
| Chi—Bellamy 20 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 8:59. | | | | | |
| Chi—Gabriel 3 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 4:56. | | | | | |
| Chi—FG Parkey 50, 00. | | | | | |

| | TB | Chi |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 16 | 28 |
| Total Net Yards | 31 | 483 |
| Rushes-yards | 18-60 | 31-139 |
| Passing | 251 | 344 |
| Punt Returns | 1-2 | 3-14 |
| Kickoff Returns | 1-21 | 1-28 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 0-0 | 3-32 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 25-38-3 | 19-26-0 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 1-0 | 4-20 |
| Punts | 5-42.8 | 2-48.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 11-99 | 4-38 |
| Time of Possession | 31:54 | 28:06 |

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Jones 10-29, Barber 7-34, Winston 1-7. **Chicago,** Trubisky 3-53, Cohen 15-63, Howard 11-25, Gabriel 1-10, Cunningham 1-0, Daniel 1-1.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Fitzpatrick 9-18-1,26, Winston 16-20-145. **Chicago,** Trubisky 19-26-354.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, M.Evans 6-69, Humphreys 2-28, G.Hughes 2-28, Gorton 3-29, Godwin 2-22, Aulair 1-8, Barber 1-6, Jones 1-minus 11. **Chicago,** Cohen 7-121, Gabriel 7-104, T.Burton 2-86, Robinson 2-23, Bellamy 1-20.

Rivers throws for 3 TDs; Chargers rally past 49ers

CARSON, Calif. — After all they've been through, a two-touchdown deficit wasn't going to faze the Chargers.

Philip Rivers threw for three touchdowns, Melvin Gordon rushed for 104 yards and Los Angeles rallied for a victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

"We've been rock-bottom, so it's only up," Gordon said.

It was good to see the resiliency of this team and how they bounced back. We played good, complementary football," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said.

Rivers was 25-for-39 for 250 yards. Gordon had the sixth 100-yard rushing game of his career and his first since last Oct. 29 against New England.

Chargers 29, 49ers 27

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| San Francisco | 6 | 11 | 9 | 3-29 |
| LA Chargers | | | | |
| First Quarter | | | | |
| SF-Eum Jr. 32 interception return (Gould kick), 14:03. | | | | |
| SF-Bourne 2 pass from Beathard (Gould kick), 5:53. | | | | |
| LAC-Gates 5 pass from Rivers (kick failed), :43. | | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | | |
| SF-FG Gould 21, 4:59. | | | | |
| LAC-Ekeler 22 pass from Rivers (Gordon pass from Rivers), :47. | | | | |
| LAC-FG Sturgis 48, :00. | | | | |
| Third Quarter | | | | |
| LAC-Gordon 6 pass from Rivers (kick failed), 10:35. | | | | |

| | SF | LA |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 22 | 21 |
| Total Net Yards | 364 | 368 |
| Rushes-yards | 311 | 216 |
| Passing | 288 | 242 |
| Punt Returns | 4-91 | 4-5 |
| Kickoff Returns | 1-32 | 2-90 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 23-37-2 | 25-39-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 1-10 | 1-8 |
| Punts | 5-47.0 | 4-43.5 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-29 | 5-49 |
| Penalties-Yards | 27-34 | 32-65 |

RUSHING—San Francisco, Breida 9-29, Beathard 7-19, Morris 4-14, Goodwin 1-4. **Los Angeles,** Gordon 15-104, Ekeler 8-25, Rivers 4-minus 3.

PASSING—San Francisco, Beathard 23-37-285. **Los Angeles,** Rivers 25-39-250.

RECEIVING—San Francisco, Kittle 6-125, Gordon 4-62, Bourne 3-34, Breida 3-32, Goodwin 2-24, Juszczyk 2-15, T.Y. Hilton 1-15, Williams 1-8, Ekeler 1-6. **Los Angeles,** Sturgis 4-48, Ekeler 2-31, Gates 2-27, Green 2-0, M.Williams 1-15, Benjamin 1-2.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS—Los Angeles,

NFL

Mariota looks healthy as Titans beat Eagles

By TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Marcus Mariota's right hand sure seems pretty healthy, and the Tennessee quarterback keeps proving he knows how to find ways to win when it matters most.

Mariota threw for 344 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for a team-high 46 yards and another score Sunday in leading the Titans to a 26-23 overtime victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. He finished off the win by lofting a 10-yard TD pass to Corey Davis with 5 seconds left in overtime.

"You're like a kid running around in your backyard counting down the seconds," Mariota said. "This is why we play the game. To have an opportunity to win it and have the ball in your hand."

Mariota started his first game since hurting his elbow in the season opener, causing a nerve issue affecting the quarterback's hand strength and leading to some numbness and tingling in a couple fingers. Mariota wore a partial glove covering his ring and pinkie fingers on his right hand, and he led his NFL-best sixth game-winning drive since the start of the 2017 season — seventh if counting his playoff injury in January.

Titans coach Mike Vrabel called Mariota's connection with Davis, who had 161 yards receiving along with his first TD catch in the regular season, phenomenal. Vrabel also liked how Mariota responded to an interception late in the first half.

"He was great when it mattered the most," Vrabel said. Tennessee (3-1) now is off to its best start since 2013.

The Eagles (2-2) blew leads of 17-3 in the third quarter and 23-20 in overtime to snap a two-game winning streak.

"We've just got to regroup," Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz said. "Obviously, we're a quarter of the way through, and we're 2-2. Not quite where we want to be. You know we've got a long way to go yet. We just have to keep stay-

Titans 26, Eagles 23 (OT)

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|--------------|---|----|---|----|------|
| Philadelphia | 0 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 3-23 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 6-26 |

First Quarter

Ten—FG Succop 42, 11:22.

Second Quarter

Phi—Matthews 56 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 4:54.

Phi—FG Elliott 27, :00.

Third Quarter

Phi—Jeffery 16 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 7:36.

Ten—Mariota 2 run (Succop kick), 2:51.

Fourth Quarter

Ten—FG Succop 33, 9:15.

Ten—Sharpe 11 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 5:01.

Phi—FG Elliott 30, :16.

Overtime

Phi—FG Elliott 37, 6:19.

Ten—C.Davis 10 pass from Mariota, :05.

A—69.03.

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|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 25 | 22 |
| Total Net Yards | 432 | 357 |
| Rushes-yards | 22-117 | 22-70 |
| Passing | 315 | 327 |
| Punt Returns | 2-42 | 2-8 |
| Kickoff Returns | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-23 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 33-50-0 | 30-43-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 1-33 | 3-17 |
| Punts | 6-51.3 | 5-50.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 8-77 | 4-30 |
| Time of Possession | 34:25 | 35:30 |

RUSHING—Philadelphia, Ajayi 15-70, Smallwood 5-39, Wentz 2-8, Tennessee, Mariota 10-46, Henry 8-24, D.Lewis 4-0.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Wentz 33-50-0, 348, Tennessee, Mariota 30-43-1, 344.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Ertz 10-112, Jeffery 8-105, Aguiar 5-22, Smallwood 3-15, Ajayi 3-11, Goedert 2-13, Matthews 1-56, Alken 1-14, Tennessee, C.Davis 9-161, D.Lewis 8-66, Taylor 7-77, Sharpe 2-27, Henry 2-7, Jennings 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

ing together, and there's a lot of things we have to clean up. I think we're right there. We just have to clean up some things and finish some drives as an offense." Some things to know about the Titans and Eagles:

Gutsy call: Vrabel took a timeout with the Titans facing their third fourth down in overtime and kicker Ryan Succop lining up for a 50-yard field goal and a tie. Then the first-year head coach sent the offense back on the field, and Mariota hit Dion Lewis with a 17-yard pass on fourth-and-2 to keep the drive alive.

"That's our coach," Titans cornerback Logan Ryan said of Vrabel. "He's a great coach. He was born to be a coach. There's no point in playing for a tie. It doesn't help you. I love that. We were as surprised as everybody else, but I love that decision making. What's the point of being 2-1-1?"



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Titans receiver Corey Davis, left, celebrates with offensive tackle Taylor Lewan after catching the game-winning touchdown against the Philadelphia Eagles in overtime on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

New England Patriots wide receiver Phillip Dorsett makes a touchdown catch in the end zone in front of Miami Dolphins cornerback Xavier Howard, left, on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

Pats rout Dolphins

New England gets crucial win over division foe

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots reminded everyone they are still the pride of the AFC East.

With a 3-0 start to the season, the Miami Dolphins emerged as an early threat to the Patriots' run of nine straight division titles.

The Dolphins are now left to regroup after a 38-7 loss to New England on Sunday, having been denied their first 4-0 start since Hall of Fame coach Don Shula's last season in 1995.

The Patriots, meanwhile, are back to 2-2 with a short week to get ready for Thursday night's matchup with the Indianapolis Colts.

It was the first time this season that the Patriots have resembled a team capable of making a run at its third consecutive trip to the Super Bowl.

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public about his concerns about health and finances.

He's in the final year of his deal and repeatedly has spoken about wanting the extra security of a fresh contract.

"I need to make sure my body is 100 [percent]," Thomas said a week ago, "and I'm invested in myself."

Present sentiment. In the fourth quarter of Seattle's 20-17 victory at the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday, Thomas's left leg was fractured while he tried to defend against what became a 22-yard touchdown pass. As the six-time Pro Bowl safety was driven away on a cart along Arizona's sideline, his leg in an air cast, he looked across the field, lifted his right hand and made his anger clear.

Thomas, a three-time All-Pro, held out at the start of training camp before returning a week before the season despite not being granted his extension. Team-

"Obviously, we haven't played well the last two weeks and we talk a lot about the things we need to do better, and we need to carry them over from week to week," Patriots QB Tom Brady said. "Hopefully we're a lot better in October than we were in September."

Part of the reason is, Belichick's team clearly isn't yet at full strength.

Defensive end Trey Flowers and safety Patrick Chung returned to action after missing Week 3 with concussions.

But Brady is still trying to get the most of a new-look group of receivers following key offseason departures. He made progress, tossing a 55-yard TD pass to Cordarrelle Patterson and a 9-yard TD to rapidly improving Phillip Dorsett.

The Patriots improved to 8-0 following consecutive losses since 2002.

mates understood his insult after the injury.

"Earl wanted an extension and at the end of the day he didn't get that," Seahawks defensive end Frank Clark said. "It sucks to see a guy who puts his heart into something, put his all into his team and he doesn't get what he deserves."

The Seahawks recovered to win 20-17, salvaging a victory from a game in which they also lost starting tight end Will Dissly. The rookie was carted to the locker room in the first quarter with a knee injury.

Cincinnati also lost its tight end, with Tyler Eifert suffering a gruesome lower right leg injury early in the third quarter of the Bengals' 37-36 victory over Atlanta.

Eifert had four catches for 38 yards, including a 15-yard scoring catch in the first quarter. He caught a 2-yard pass in the third and was tackled by DeVondre

Patriots 38, Dolphins 7

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|-------------|---|----|---|------|------|
| Miami | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7-38 |
| New England | 3 | 21 | 7 | 7-38 | |

First Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 20, 5:28.

Second Quarter

NE—Patterson 52 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 12:01.

NE—White 22 run (Gostkowski kick), 7:29.

NE—Dorsett 9 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 1:18.

Third Quarter

NE—White 14 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 6:49.

Fourth Quarter

NE—Michel 10 run (Gostkowski kick), 13:43.

Mia—Gore 6 pass from Osweller (Sanders kick), 2:42.

A—65.878.

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|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 11 | 26 |
| Total Net Yards | 172 | 469 |
| Rushes-yards | 18-56 | 40-175 |
| Passing | 2-14 | 2-14 |
| Punt Returns | 2-23 | 5-45 |
| Kickoff Returns | 2-41 | 0-0 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 15-25-1 | 23-35-2 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 2-19 | 0-0 |
| Punts | 7-41.9 | 2-40.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-89 | 6-57 |
| Time of Possession | 23:38 | 36:22 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami, Gore 11-41, Osweller 10, 100, Dolphins 1-3, Drake 3-3, Wilson 1-2, Tannehill 1-0, New England, Michel 25-112, White 8-44, Patterson 1-11, Barner 3-11, Hoyer 3-minus 3.

PASSING—Miami, Tannehill 11-20-100, Osweller 4-50-35, New England, Brady 23-35-274.

RECEIVING—Miami, Wilson 4-15, Stills 3-40, Amendola 2-21, Grant 2-17, Gore 2-16, Drake 1-13, Gesicki 1-9, New England, White 9-66, Dorsett 4-55, Gronkowski 4-44, Patterson 3-54, Gordon 2-32, Hogan 1-25, D.Allen 1-minus 4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Price: Seahawks' Thomas suffers broken leg

Campbell and Jack Crawford. Eifert brought his hands up to his helmet as he was on his back in obvious pain. His leg stabilized by the medical staff, Eifert received encouragement from teammates before he was carted off the field with his leg in an air cast.

Bengals halfback Mark Walton did not return and was being treated for a possible concussion after a helmet-to-helmet penalty hit by Brian Poole near the end of the third. Falcons defensive tackle Grady Jarrett had an ankle injury late in the fourth and did not return.

Another tight end, one the NFL's best, also left with an injury. Rob Gronkowski departed New England's 38-7 victory over Miami in the third quarter with a right ankle problem and did not return. The Dolphins, who had been undefeated, lost center Daniel Kilgore in the first half with an arm injury and safety Bobby McCain to a knee injury.

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Golden girls

US women win third consecutive World Cup title » **Sports briefs, Page 25**

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Seattle's Earl Thomas (29) is consoled by Cardinals players after breaking his leg on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. Below: Cincinnati Bengals tight end Tyler Eifert is taken off the field after breaking his ankle on Sunday against the Falcons in Atlanta.

AP photos

Paying the price

Season-ending injuries highlight player concerns over contract security

Associated Press

Whether or not Earl Thomas should have raised his middle finger in the direction of his team's sideline, this much is clear: His broken leg amid an ongoing flap with the Seattle Seahawks illustrates why the lack of guaranteed contracts is such a problem for NFL players.

This is exactly what Thomas was worried about when he sat out training camp. And when he skipped practices after the season started.

There are, of course, all manner of injuries in each and every game, each and every week, around the violent-by-design league.

'It sucks to see a guy who puts his heart into something, put his all into his team and he doesn't get what he deserves.'

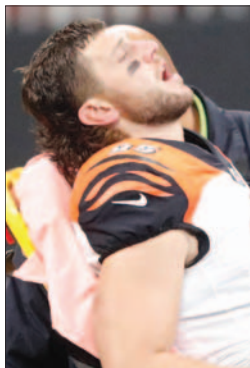
Frank Clark

Seahawks defensive end

Often, they involve stars — such as Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, who left New England's 38-7 win over Miami with an injured right ankle. Often, they are gruesome — such as what happened to Bengals tight end Tyler Eifert's lower right leg in Cincinnati's 37-36 victory at Atlanta, leaving him covering his face with interlocking fingers as he was driven to the locker room.

So this given Sunday was no different from any other, really. Thomas' particular case, though, seemed to resonate — yes, because of his flipping reaction, but also — because he has been so

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